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Section of Temporary Walk Gave Way and Precipitated
Merry Makers Twenty Feet Into Excavation--First
Murder of New Year Reported to New York
Police Shortly After the Midnight Hour.

FAMILY WIPED OUT WHEN AUTO STRUCK

RETURNING FROM FUNERAL OF
RELATIVE KILLED IN
ACCIDENT, TRAIN
HIT THEM.

By Associated Press.
Cleveland, O., Jan. 1.—William McGamon, chief justice of the municipal court, faces trial a second time on the charge of slaying Harold Kagy. No definite date has been set for the new trial, but it is thought it will be held during the next term of court which begins Monday. The jury which deliberated over his fate on a charge of second degree murder was discharged late yesterday after being deadlocked for practically 48 hours. Fifty-three ballots were taken.

HARDING OBSERVED THE DAY WITH WORK

SPENT MOST OF THE DAY AT HIS
DESK BUT ATE DINNER
WITH HIS WIFE AND
FRIENDS.

By Associated Press.
Marion, Ohio, Jan. 1.—President-elect Harding took only part of the holiday observance of the coming New Year, spending much of the day at his desk at work on the miscellaneous business accumulated during almost continuous conference on the policies of his administration. He has arranged to have New Year's dinner at home with his wife and several personal friends.

ALFONSO'S GIFTS

By Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 31.—When returning to to Spain via Paris after a recent visit to England, King Alfonso called at several toyshops here to make purchases for his children. Catching sight of some musical instruments in one shop he immediately ordered a bugle, a bass drum, cymbals, a trombone and a clarinet, adding with a smile: "Just to drive the nurse mad."

CANADA PROSPEROUS.

By Associated Press.
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.—The dawn of the new year finds the Dominion of Canada in perhaps the most prosperous condition in its history according to agricultural leaders. In 1920 Canada harvested its largest crop and the wealth of its agriculture is reflected on every hand. Its forests, mines and fisheries likewise contributed more than usual to Canada's prosperity in 1920.

STANLEY'S ALIBI.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Jan. 1.—Whenever a ring star is beaten, an alibi is offered for his defense. It remained for Stanley Everett, a featherweight of Pekin, Ill., to give an entirely new and distinctive one.

Everett, who, in his fight with Harry Bamer of Kansas City, in Springfield, Ill., was knocked out in the first thirty seconds, declares that an admirer, perched in a gallery seat, was responsible for his quick defeat.

The Pekin boxer asserts he had just started to square away when the gallery god yelled:

"Tear his head off, Stanley!"

As Everett glanced towards the gallery for a second to acknowledge the greeting, Bamer crashed over a punch to the chin that knocked him out.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 1.—About 50 New Year merry-makers were injured, several seriously when a temporary sidewalk over an excavation for a new theater here collapsed early today. A 30-foot section of the walk gave way and about 100 persons fell 20 feet into the excavation, according to witnesses. Twenty were removed to the emergency hospital for treatment in ambulances, patrol wagons and automobiles commandeered for the purpose. There were no fatalities, according to early accounts.

The First Murder.

New York, Jan. 1.—New Year's was only a few minutes old when another murder was reported to the police. Henry Schepp who was walking past a social club on First avenue was shot three times by an unidentified man who escaped. The police believe the shooting was the result of a feud in the social club.

RESUMED FLIGHT.

By Associated Press.
San Diego, Calif., Jan. 1.—After a delay of two days due to damage received soon after the start Thursday, navy seaplane NC-5 left the North Island air station today to join thirteen other seaplanes in a flight to Panama Bay. Lieutenant Harry Baugh is again in command of NC-5.

DIDN'T ADVANCE RATES.

By Associated Press.
Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 1.—Fort Worth phone rates did not advance today, the telephone company yielding at the last minute to a hastily-passed city ordinance prohibiting the raise. Instead, the company requested a formal hearing to decide whether the raise was justified.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

By Associated Press.
Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Deal, E. M. Deal, Jr., Lena Belle Deal, aged 13, were killed and Beona Deal, aged 11, was injured when their automobile was struck by a train near here early today. The party was en route home after attending the funeral on Friday of Mrs. J. H. Deal, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Deal, who was killed in an accident.

PHILIPPINE TRADE.

By Associated Press.
Manila, P. I., Jan. 1.—The feature of the development of the foreign trade of the Philippine Islands for the month of September was the gain made by American shipping over that of the British in the carrying trade to and from the islands.

Vessels of American registry plying in Philippine waters carried imports and exports of the islands, the value of which was \$9,537,000 and British ships carried goods worth \$9,045,000 as against \$6,500,000 for American and \$7,270,000 for British vessels for the same month last year. The total foreign trade of the Philippine Islands during September amounted to \$21,700,000, a gain of \$4,000 over the trade of September 1919.

LOWDENS GREETING.

By Associated Press.
Springfield, Ill., Jan. 1.—Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, sent out a New Year's day greeting to the people of American today through The Associated Press, as follows:

"More than anything else, I wish for the New Year that the American people may recapture the spirit which, during the war made them united and irresistible; the spirit which obliterated all class and religious differences; the spirit which revealed the supreme beauty of the idea of service and whose dominant note was the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. If we shall succeed in recapturing this spirit, all our other troubles will disappear."

CARDINAL GIBBONS IS IMPROVED TODAY

RALLIED FROM RELAPSE YES-
TERDAY AND DOCTOR PLEAS-
ED WITH IMPROVED
CONDITION.

By Associated Press.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 1.—Cardinal Gibbons rallied from his relapse yesterday and after a good night's rest is much better this morning, according to reports from Union Mills, Maryland, where he is ill at the home of friends. The reassuring news was confirmed later by a member of the Shriver family, the hosts of the cardinal, who said the doctor was much pleased with the improvement in the cardinal's condition.

PRAYING COLONELS PLAY IN FORT WORTH

CENTER COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY
AND TEXAS CHRISTIAN COL-
LEGE MEET ON GRID-
IRON TODAY.

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 1.—Fort Worth is crowded today with football fans for the first annual game between Center College of Danville, Kentucky, and the Texas Christian University. The game will be played at Panther Park. The advance ticket sale indicates an attendance of approximately 10,000, representing every section of Texas and Oklahoma. Many collegians attracted by the famous "praying colonels" stopped off on the way back to school from their Christmas holidays.

LEFT DUMMY IN PLACE.

By Associated Press.
Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 1.—Guards at Folsom penitentiary today are seeking Jake Foster, alias John St. Claire, a convict who escaped from his cell last night, leaving a dummy in his place.

HOBBY'S MOTHER ILL.

By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, Jan. 1.—Governor Hobby left for Dallas today after receiving a telegram stating that the condition of his mother, who is ill there, had become more serious. The text book commission recessed, subject to the call of the governor, who is chairman, without making any adoptions.

BOILERMAKER RECRUITS

By Associated Press.
Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 1.—Coach Ward Lambert, of Purdue University is confronted with the task of developing two forwards and a center for the Boiler Makers' basketball team. Capt. White who played floor guard, and Coffing, who filled the position of back guard, are the only veterans on the squad.

Since the close of the football season Coach Lambert has been studying the work of the seventy-five candidates for the Varsity quintet and he believes that before the season is well under way he will have found some men capable of taking care of the forwards and the important pivotal position.

Purdue's schedule includes games with six of the Western Conference teams, with Notre Dame and with several Indian colleges. The "Big Ten" teams to be played are Northwestern, Ohio State, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa and Illinois.

STATEMENT OF THE LAREDO NATIONAL BANK LAREDO, TEXAS.

At the Close of Business, May, 4th 1920, as rendered to the Comptroller of the Currency CONDENSED.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$2,061,688.91	Capital Stock.....\$200,000.00
United States Bonds.....237,050.00	Surplus Fund.....200,000.00
Other Bonds and Securities...2,401.47	Undivided Profits, net.....51,971.90
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 12,000.00	Unearned Interest
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer.....10,000.00	approximate.....27,864.77
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures.....50,000.00	Reserve for Taxes.....9.00
Interest earned, not collected, approximate.....5,837.40	Circulation.....189.87
Cash and Exchange.....1,450,437.89	Rediscouts.....28.11
Total.....\$3,829,416.67	Other Liabilities.....3,116.38
	Deposits.....3,116.38
	Total.....\$3,829,416.67

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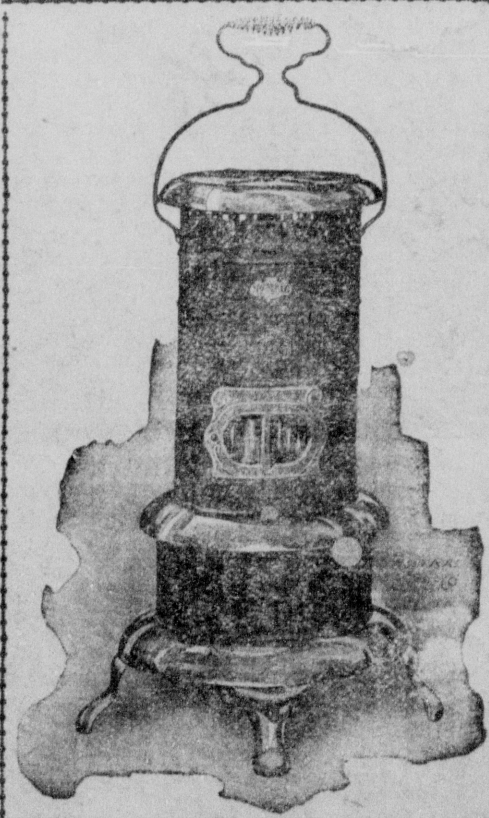
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A MALICIOUS SLANDER.

The charge made by the secretary of a negro advancement association before the committee during the hearings on the congressional apportionment bill, while not entirely unexpected, is purely malicious, and is intended simply as an argument for the new administration to do something that has been threatened for some time—reduce the congressional representation of the South, in order to give the Republican majority in the North more power.

The friend of the negro—if he really is a friend of that race—charged that a majority of the white people in many Southern communities are lawless.

Of course, this statement is based on the usual charge of the enemies of the South that negroes are lynched without cause and that the "best element" in the communities where the outrages occur is behind the lawless acts.

One deplores the lawless acts of mobs more than the better element of the entire South. And no one deprecates the criminal acts that lead to the lynchings more than the better element of the negro race.

But to charge that a whole section is lawless because in a few scattered sections the people become aroused by a foul and brutal crime and take the law into their own hands is a malicious perversion of the truth.

When it comes to real lawlessness, New York city, where this negro up-lifter lives, must be ceded the palm. There is more lawlessness in a small section of that city in a day than there is in the whole South in a month. And the worst of it is that the smug, self-satisfied people of New York read the reports in the newspapers and congratulate themselves that it is no worse.

The records of the criminal courts in any section of the South will compare favorably—for the South—with any section of the entire country. Puritan New England has as many criminal cases on the docket, population considered, as Georgia or Alabama. And the Middle West has as much work for the grand jury as any part of the South.

One reason for the crowded condition of some of the Southern court dockets is the large preponderance of negroes in the population. The crimes range all the way from chicken-stealing and boot-legging up to murder. And that there is not more murder or criminal assault on the court calendars is due to the lynchings of which the friend of the negro complains.

It is not long since a race riot was staged in Chicago that would have been impossible in any Southern city, even where the worst and lowest of the criminal negroes reside. And St. Louis had its race troubles, although Missouri is hardly a Southern state.

Lynchings have occurred in Washington and Oregon, and there is no Southern city that would have permitted for months such a condition as obtained in Hurley, Wisconsin, where the prohibition agents closed 32 saloons in a town which a few years ago was but a village.

No one in the South thinks of calling the people of New York state—or even of New York city—lawless because there is much crime in the metropolis. The people of Illinois are recognized down here as law-abiding, although the world might be searched for worse criminal conditions than are reported from Chicago.

The whole South should resent this malicious and mendacious charge, coming as it does from a person who is naturally prejudiced, and should demand that, as Congressman Lareo of Georgia said, witnesses be required to confine themselves to facts of their own personal knowledge. Even the Republican congressmen know better than to accept such statements, except for political consumption.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Another milestone in the world's progress has been reached, and the wish for a "prosperous" New Year is not without its meaning at this time, when so many are without employment and the cost of living is still so high.

So far this winter has been mild, and there has not been the suffering that in some years has added a sting to poverty and taken away some of the pleasure of the more prosperous.

The year just ended has had its joys and its sorrows, more of the former and fewer of the latter than some recent years, and it has had less failures to report than many of its predecessors.

Peace has not come during its passage, and turmoil and strife are among its chiefest fruits. Out of its travail may come a birth of new freedom to the world, of wider range of democracy and greater blessings to the people.

The new year is on the threshold of grave problems. It faces greater responsibilities and graver dangers than those of the past. Out of what is accomplished the coming year will come either peace to a strife-torn world or the overthrow of the free institutions that have withstood the assaults of pride and power.

A new administration comes into being in a few weeks. Confident in the support of the people, it should prove itself worthy of that confidence and give peace instead of a sword to warring Europe. It can do much to

ward making or marring the future of the entire world.

The new congress has within its grasp potentialities that would have been startling to the statesmen of a past age. Never before has our country been in such a position of leadership; never before has its action been awaited with such tense anticipation.

Throughout the greater part of the world there is unemployment, hunger, grinding poverty and despair. It is to us that the nations of the world look for such wisdom of action, such greatness of outlook and such friendliness and aid as will help to restore them to the condition in which they were before the war destroyed their balance.

The church must play a great part in the work of the New Year. It has demonstrated as never before that religion is a real and vital thing, and during the years of the war it labored for the physical as well as the moral and spiritual good of all.

The various beneficent organizations are working as never before and the demands upon them are unprecedented in the world's history. So far they have been equal to the demands and there is every prospect that they will not relax their efforts so long as there is need for their help.

In every activity of the country there is unrest. Unrest in politics, in finance, in agriculture, in industry and in labor circles. Much of this unrest has been due to the generally disturbed conditions resulting from the war, and as industry and commerce resume the normal rest of the activities will reflect the general improvement.

Capital and labor, whom many have tried to arouse into hostility toward each other, are coming closer every day, and their interdependence is becoming better understood. Especially is this the case in questions of wage disputes and difficulties over working conditions.

Anarchy has lifted its head from the slime of ages, and has made another attempt at terrorizing the world. But a new champion has arisen to slay the dragon, and the American Legion will do its utmost to array all loyal citizens on the side of lawful government and good order.

The Times wishes a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all. May you have all your good wishes granted and those that are not so good turned into the proper road. May you realize that "every good and perfect gift cometh from above," and that service is the price you must pay for what you receive in this world. A Happy New Year to all.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Exit 1920. Two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Charles Edward Stuart, the Young Pretender.

Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan, Paymaster General of the United States Navy, will retire from active service today.

New York, Chicago and other large cities have been elaborate preparations for a joyous though "dry" welcome to the New Year.

Representatives of organized labor in New England, particularly in the textile industry, have been invited to a three-day conference to open today at Salem, Mass., to discuss plans whereby all labor "can act together to establish industrial democracy and do away with economic autocracy."

Camberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite.

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and effective cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of young children for colds, croup, and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief and is free from opium and other harmful drugs.

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FAREWELL TO OLD YEAR 1920
WELCOME TO NEW YEAR 1921

OLD YEAR HAS BEEN PROSPEROUS ONE; 1921 BE BETTER.

Laredo Enters New Year With Determination to Do Great Things and Continue Growing and Prospering.

Today is the last day of 1920, and tonight when the hour of midnight is passed the new year of 1921 will be ushered in, and we take another lap in the race of time, leaving behind memories of the old year—some memories that are glad ones, and others that are sad ones. But tonight, with the din caused by whistles blowing, bells ringing, firearms booming and other contrivances to create a noise the old year will be ushered out and the new year ushered in. Then a new leaf will be turned and 1921 will be started. Some will have good resolutions to put into effect at midnight tonight, and while there are people who actually make these resolutions and keep them inviolate for a long time, there are others who fail to keep them from one sunset to another for lack of will power and determination to do so.

The year of 1920 will pass away as one of the most prosperous years in the history of Laredo, as during that period Laredo has gained many new citizens, has made rapid strides in progress and as the year fades out the city has two big projects under way—the installation of a modern sewerage system and the construction of the handsome half-million-dollar international footbridge between the two Laredos. These two items in themselves are big things for Laredo. Many other good things have come, though, in the year just ending. But in the year that is born at midnight tonight Laredo expects to make strides that will advance far ahead in the march of progress, for the new year will mean one of accomplishment instead of talk, and among other enterprises planned is the paving of the streets of the city, the building of a big tourist hotel, the entrance of another railway from Beeville, increased business relations with Mexico and many other good things—things that the wide-awake ones will go after instead of sitting down and waiting for them to come to them.

So, with the new year now at hand, make this resolution and keep it inviolate, that you will do your part to boost Laredo and help make it a better place to live in, a better place to do business in and make it better than any other place in Texas.

AT LAREDO "MOVIES."

New Year's Feature at Strand.

There are sharply marked differences between the wrecking of an airplane bearing a bride and groom in a terrific electric storm and the confused thoughts of convent life in the mind of an emotional young girl suffering from shock. Both, however, are depicted in "Trumpet Island," a special production visualized by Vitagraph with an all star cast. The original story was written by that master of plot, action and expression, Gouverneur Morris and the adaptation was edited by Mr. and Mrs. George Randolph Chester. The leading roles are played by Wallace MacDonald and Marguerite de La Motte. Tom Terriss directed the notable production.

"Trumpet Island" will be shown at the Strand theater on Saturday.

New Year's Feature at Royal Goldwyn Pictures are not all made in the studio. Many are made on location. Rex Beach's next picture, "The North Wind's Malice," which will be shown at the Royal theater, for two days, beginning Saturday, was taken in the snow covered mountains at Port Henry, on Lake Champlain. Many of the scenes for Gouverneur Morris picture, "Penalty," were shot in San Francisco.

Pauline Frederick went to Central America for scenes in "Roads of Destiny." Will Rogers went to Santa Cruz in Lower California, to act in scenes of "Jes' Call Me Jim."

New Year's Feature at Rialto She Threatened Him With Breach of Promise proceedings, knowing that he would not marry her and wanting his money. But his lawyer was wise in the ways of the world, and he proposed that his client marry her—on three thousand a year. It took her breath away. But she soon got her second wind, and started after the lawyer so hard assaulting him with her big blue eyes that he fell dead in love with her. Did she take advantage of it? See Viola Dana in "Blackmail" at the Rialto Saturday. It's the melodramatic sensation of the season.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflammation of the mucous surface of the Eustachian tube. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists. 75c.

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BABE RUTH, COVELESKIE AND OTHER PLAYERS ARE COMING

TO SEE GREAT AND FAMOUS GAME TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

Sis Hopkins Team Expect to Cop the Game Before Darkness Settles Down on Great Contest.

Tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock, at Caliche Park on the Heights, the initial sensational feature of the new year, without any sanguinary effects, however, will take place, when the daring members of Sis Hopkins' semi-professional exponent of the great national sport will match defiantly on to the diamond and cast their "cachuchas" into the ring in defiance to the super-professional Rotarian baseball team. Babe Ruth, Coveleskie, Hans Wagner and other men who think they can play baseball, are scheduled to reach here by airplanes in time to see the great game and get some pointers on the whys and wherefores of baseball. No gambling will be permitted on the grounds, for it has been decreed that no Laredo, Chicago or New York gamblers will be permitted to inveigle the players into throwing this great game for the championship of the district west of the Chacon.

No chairs will be permitted to be used on the diamond by those members of the teams playing infield positions, but outfielders may bring camp stools with them and rest between "flies" to their regional territory. High heel shoes with spikes are prohibited to be worn by either side, but there are no restrictions to wearing a pillow shield for safety purposes, and also a rat trap or other device to prevent any facial disfigurement should a fly attempt to land on the nasal projection of any player. All runners are cautioned to leave the bases where they are stationed and not carry them with them on their circuit of the diamond. A corps of doctors and first aid men, augmented by a professional undertaker will be on hand to give prompt and proper care to all who need their services.

Everybody must be sure to vamoos and see that grand exhibition mañana afternoon.

New Year's Greeting.

At this Holiday Season we wish for our host of friends courage, strength and wisdom to meet fearlessly and wisely the problems of the present, to the end that the New Year may bring to them a full measure of health, prosperity and happiness.

Aztec Lodge No. 111, K. of P.

BRIDGE WORK BEING RUSHED ON PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE

Contractor DePuy is Getting Everything Under Way for the Beginning of Actual Construction.

Laredo people generally have their attention attracted by numerous detonations in the vicinity of the river front early each morning, these detonations being caused by the blasting using done on both sides of the Rio Grande for the pillars to the approaches of the new international footbridge.

Contractor DePuy has a large force of men at work on both sides of the boundary line and on the island in the center of the stream just now completing all preliminary work and preparing for the actual construction work on the handsomest and most costly footbridge along the entire Mexican border, and the second of its kind in the United States, costing about \$500,000. Barges have been constructed and are now in service to carry sand from a point down the Rio Grande to the scene of operations, hoisting cranes are being placed in position, cement mixers are ready for work, steel is arriving and soon there will be a busy scene presented when the "gang" starts things humming.

Death of Mrs. Mireur at Corpus. James G. Shirley of Mexico City arrived here this morning and took the forenoon Texas-Mexican train to Corpus Christi, being summoned to his old home on account of the death there yesterday morning of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Mireur. Mrs. Harry G. DaCamara, a sister, left here yesterday for Corpus accompanied by her husband. Mrs. Mireur was formerly Miss Addie Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Shirley of Corpus Christi, one of that city's most foremost and pioneer families. Besides her husband and seven children, deceased is survived by her mother, Mrs. R. J. Shirley of Corpus Christi; two sisters, Mrs. Herring of Houston; Mrs. H. G. DaCamara of Laredo and Miss Mamie Shirley of Corpus Christi, and one brother, James G. Shirley of Mexico City, all of whom have the sympathy of many Laredo friends in their hour of sorrow.

Bound Over to Grand Jury. Alfonso Morellon, the burglar captured by W. S. Cantrell in his home a few nights ago, was given an examining trial this morning before Justice of the Peace Allee on charges of burglary of the Cantrell and Murphy homes and bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$300, which he failed to provide and will make his domicile temporarily at the Hotel Salinas.

LOCAL NEWS

—Tomorrow being the Feast of the Circumcision, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at Christ Church at 9:30 a. m.

—Mrs. Flora Dilgarde Anderson, teacher of piano and singing, announces the opening of her studio for the mid-winter term Monday, January 2d. Audition by appointment only. Residence telephone 458. Studio 216 Alexander building. 12-30-3t.

—Tonight at midnight the old year will fade out and the new year will arrive, and the occasion will be marked by a din that will resound throughout the land, for everywhere whistles blow, bells ring and other great noises are heard at this time.

—The Acme Laundry is a family laundry. We will be glad to get your work. O. Willhite, Manager, 2018 Turbidie St. 12-29-12t.

—To each and every one of its friends and patrons, and those also that should come under these headings, The Times extends best wishes for a Most Prosperous and Happy New Year.

—Public stenographer. Hamilton Hotel. Ask for Mrs. Bragg. 12-14-1t.

—District court is still in session in this city, and while there has not been much doing in this tribunal during the holiday season, the court will get busy next week on various civil cases set for trial at this time.

—Would do embroidery and hem-stitching. Prices reasonable. Ida Warner, 720 Convent avenue. Laredo, Texas. 12-30-6t.

—This is the last day that you will date it "1920." Beginning tomorrow don't forget to make it "1921." It will take some people a little time to become accustomed to the change, but it will eventually become a habit.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348. 4-27-1t.

—THE MCGEE TOMATO makes 1200 bushels per acre and I only have the pure pedigree seed. Please write or full information. M. C. McGee, San Marcos, Texas. 11-23-2m.

—Why not begin the new year in a business-like manner and advertise in the only newspaper in Laredo published in the English language, The Laredo Daily Times? Of course, if you have goods to keep, instead of to sell, for the love of Mike don't advertise, or you may sell them.

—If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1263 Juarez Plumbing. 3-29-1t.

—Would take care of an old couple or a convalescent. Ida Warner, 720 Convent Avenue. Laredo, Texas. 12-30-6t.

—Tonight there will be four grand balls in progress in Laredo and Nuevo Laredo. Tomorrow when the umpires out "Ball Four," somebody will "walk"—or they can "dance" out to first, for there is going to be "some game" of baseball at Caliche Park tomorrow afternoon at 3 p. m.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-1t.

—We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202. 6-15-1t.

ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS IN BUILDING SEWER SYSTEM

Big Trench-Digging Machine Turned Into Matamoros Street at San Enrique Today Going West.

The work of laying the large eighteen-inch mains of the Laredo sewerage plant is progressing fast, and the contractor and his force of men with massive trench-digging machine are pushing operations with all possible speed in order to complete this work as early as they can.

The work started at the mouth of the Zacate creek on the Rio Grande several weeks ago and now the big machine has gone north on San Enrique Avenue to Matamoros street, beginning work westward on Matamoros this morning. Mains are being laid as the work of excavating progresses along, and at the rate that operations are being pushed the lay-out of the big mains will be completed sooner than was at first anticipated.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight and Saturday generally fair; somewhat colder Saturday.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 72 degs.

Min. temp. 43 degs.

General direction of wind: Southeast.

Clear.

Notice to the Public.

Beginning January 1, 1921, I will begin the delivery of milk from my dairy and wish to notify the public that I am prepared to take care of them and would appreciate their patronage.

M. A. HARPER. 12-29-6t.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—January 1st, besides being the first day of the year, is the anniversary of an astonishing number of important events the world over. The Union of Great Britain and Ireland occurred on January 1st. Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India on January 1st, and the Commonwealth of Australia was inaugurated on January 1st.

On this date, in 1776 the first flag bearing thirteen red and white stripes was raised over the American headquarters at Cambridge, Mass.

January 1st is the anniversary of President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation; of the treaty by which Austria lost Venice and the Tyrol; of the establishment of the kingdom of Bavaria; of the defeat of Dr. Jameson and his raiders at Krugersdorp; and the start of Colonel Plumer's famous march to relieve Mafeking.

On this date, just fifty years ago, the German empire was re-established. It is also the anniversary of the incorporation of Ottawa, capital city of the Dominion of Canada; of the first attack of the British upon New Orleans; of the completion and opening of the suspension bridge across the Ohio River at Cincinnati; of the adoption of the Gregorian calendar by Japan; and the raising of the American flag in Havana.

The Manchester Ship Canal was opened for traffic on January 1, 1894, and on the same date, in 1905, the capitulation of Port Arthur by the Russians was agreed upon.

One of the most appalling naval disasters of the late war occurred on January 1, 1915, when the British battleship Formidable was torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel with a loss of 700 lives.

Louis Napoleon was installed as President of the French Republic on January 1, 1852. On January 1, 1898, Captain George Dewey assumed command of the American Asiatic squadron, with which he was to annihilate the Spanish fleet at Manila a few months later.

On New Year's Day, during the first year of the American Revolution, Norfolk, Va., was burned by the British, and it was on the first day of the year, in 1863, that Galveston was recaptured by the Confederates.

January 1st has been the natal day of many persons prominent in history. Among them may be mentioned Paul Revere, one of the conspicuous patriots of the American Revolution; General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, one of the famous leaders in struggle for American independence; Constantin Hering, who was called "the father of homeopathy in America; Charles Ellet, who built the first suspension bridge in the United States; James Ryder Randall, who wrote "Maryland, My Maryland," and Paul Hayne, the celebrated Southern poet.

Among the living notables who celebrate their birthday on the first day of the year are Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, clergyman and educator; Admiral Albert Gleaves, who managed the United States cruiser and transport operations in the late war; William Fox, the motion picture producer; Lew Fields, well-known actor and manager and Hon. John D. Reid, late Minister of Railways in the Dominion Cabinet.

Truly, January 1st has been a red-letter day in history!

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE, D. L. 201.

Southern District of Texas. By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, on the 13th day of December, 1920, notice is hereby given that I will sell by public auction, for cash on Jan. 3rd, 1921, at 10:00 A. M., at the Court Room of the Federal Building, Laredo, Texas, the following described property, viz: 9 S. & W. pistols and revolvers, 3 Browning Automatic pistols, 36 miscellaneous pistols, Colt's and other patterns, 1 Savage pistol, 8 H. & R. pistols, 2 Spanish revolvers and 5 lots of ammunition of different calibers.

J. A. HERRING,
U. S. Marshal S. D. T.
By ALLEN WALKER, Deputy.

Your Troubles May be a Warning of a Nervous Breakdown

Nine failures out of ten are due to personal physical conditions. The causes are usually not far to seek—at first a little brain fog, weakened memory, insomnia, nervous indigestion and increased irritability, nerves become upstrung—finally there is a complete breakdown of the nervous system.

SENSAPERSA
helps rebuild the nerve system and makes rich blood. The properties of this blood tonic and nerve sedative should double the nerve health in ten days. Every nerve, every tissue will receive its share of energy and health. Take heed of the warnings. Don't be a failure. Build up your health with Sensapera. Two sizes, 60c. and \$1.00 at your Druggist or from City Drug Co.

MRS. NANCY SHARP, of Los Angeles, who says she received one of the greatest surprises of her life when Tanlac completely restored her health after she had almost lost hope of ever getting well. Declares she suffered for twelve long years.



"After seeing the wonderful results my husband obtained from Tanlac I began taking the medicine myself, and now we both agree that it is the greatest medicine on earth," said Mrs. Nancy Sharp, a prominent and highly esteemed resident of Los Angeles, Calif., living at 921 Camulus street, whose husband is proprietor of the Merchants' Express Co.

"During the twelve years that I suffered with indigestion and stomach trouble I tried nearly every medicine I heard about, but nothing helped me and I lost faith in everything. So, my wonderful restoration to health has been one of the greatest surprises of my life."

"I began to feel an improvement on finishing my second bottle of Tanlac, and now after taking six bottles I am like a new woman. I have a splendid appetite, eat three hearty meals a day, enjoy them thoroughly and am never troubled in the least with indigestion or any other disagreeable after effects."

"Before taking Tanlac most everything I ate caused my stomach to rebel and I would suffer for hours afterwards. I was so dreadfully nervous that many nights I never closed my eyes in sleep, but now I am not the least nervous, and I sleep like a child. My strength has been wonderfully increased, and I have much more energy."

"I just wish it was so everybody troubled like I was knew about this wonderful medicine."

Tanlac is sold in Laredo, by City Drug Store, and all leading druggists.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

DECEMBER 31.

Emile Loubet, former President of the French Republic, born at Marseanne, France, 82 years ago today. Brig. Gen. Chester Harding, U. S. A., governor of the Canal Zone, born at Enterprise, Miss., 54 years ago today.

Harry S. New, United States senator from Indiana, born at Indianapolis, 52 years ago today.

Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, U. S. A., retired, who was one of the American representatives in the Peace Conference, born at Lewisburg, Pa., 67 years ago today.

BASEBALL IN JAPAN

By Associated Press.

Tokio, Nov. 26.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Twenty American big league baseball players, ten from the National and ten from the American league, who are in Japan for a series of games played their opening game, Nationals versus Americans, on Thanksgiving Day. Edward Bell, American Charge d'Affairs, pitched the first ball. A home run by Eddie Almsmith, veteran catcher of the Detroit American league club, was the feature of a fast and spectacular game which the Nationals won by 2 to 1.

The line-ups of the two groups follow: American League: Almsmith, catcher, Detroit; Elison, pitcher, Cleveland; Ross, pitcher, New York; Robertson, pitcher, Chicago; Zalmoch, first base, Detroit; Hubert, second base, Detroit; French, shortstop, New York; Doyle, third base, New York; Connolly, left field, Washington; and Cunningham, center field, Detroit.

National League: Gomes, catcher, Chicago; Pertica, pitcher, St. Louis; Shore, pitcher, New York; Killlay, pitcher, Boston; Sheehan, first base, Brooklyn; Gay, second base, Pittsburgh; Rader, shortstop, Philadelphia; Butler, third base, St. Louis; Hood, left field, Brooklyn; and Bohne, center field, Cincinnati.

TIMES WANT ADS.
\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER 30.

- 1661—The Earl of Argyll was committed to Edinburgh Castle for high treason.
- 1769—A royal charter was granted for Dartmouth College.
- 1812—Schooner Patriot, having on board Theodosia Burr, sailed from Charleston, S. C., for New York and never heard of afterwards.
- 1830—Francis M. Drake, governor of Iowa and founder of Drake University, born at Rushville, Ill. Died at Centerville, Iowa, Nov. 20, 1903.
- 1300—United States arsenal, with 75,000 stands of arms, seized by South Carolina troops at Charleston.
- 1870—Attempt on the life of King Alfonso XII of Spain by Gonzalez.
- 1894—Sixteen lives lost in a fire that destroyed the Delavan House at Albany, N. Y.
- 1906—Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the first woman to receive the Freedom of the City of London, died. Born April 21, 1814.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

DECEMBER 30.

- Rudyard Kipling, one of the most popular English writers now living, born in Bombay, India, 55 years ago today.
- Albert E. Smith, the retiring governor of New York, born in New York City, 47 years ago today.
- Professor Stephen Leacock of McGill University, widely known as a writer, born in England, 51 years ago today.
- Simon Guggenheim, prominent capitalist and former United States senator from Colorado, born in Philadelphia, 53 years ago today.

EXCLUDE AMERICANS.

By Associated Press.

The Hague, Dec. 29.—United States authorities here fear that American interests will be excluded from the great Djamba oil fields in the Dutch East Indies if a bill introduced in the Dutch Parliament be adopted. This measure proposes to give the concession to these fields to a subsidiary of the Batavia Oil Company. The territory to be included in the concession is described as the most valuable petroleum ground in the Dutch East Indies.

The field has long been the scene of commercial rivalry between Dutch-English and American oil groups. Americans here say that the only way in which American interests could obtain representation there would be for the Dutch government to permit them to subscribe to the stock of the proposed handling company to be formed to handle the concession.

In this holding company, the Dutch East Indian government and the Batavia company would, by provisions of the bill, be joint stockholders, the government sharing largely in the profits. The government, however, will have a majority on the board of directors.

According to the Amsterdam Handelsblad, the preferred shares, giving a right to vote as to the control but not as to the direct management, which will be in the hands of the Batavia company, will be mostly under government control, but, in order to placate foreign, particularly American interests, a certain proportion of what are known as the "B" shares, may be sold to foreigners with the consent of the government.

A recent despatch stated that the parliament of the Dutch East Indies had under consideration a motion opposing the granting by the Dutch government of an exclusive concession to the Djamba oil fields without the consent of the people of the colony.

Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Rockport, N. Y.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the telephone Co. each day:

Tonight and Friday generally fair; moderate temperature.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 70 degs.

Min. temp. 35 degs.

General direction of wind: Southeast.

Clear.



SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.

The Busy Bees will be entertained by Miss Marjorie Lou Fish at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

There will be a meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in the church annex at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Deutz will entertain in the afternoon with a musical-tea in honor of her cousin, Mrs. Anne Heath Miller.

Miss Rosita Applewhite will entertain with a dancing party in honor of the Saturday night Cotillion Class from 8 until 11 o'clock in the evening.

Friday.

The Six Hopkins team will play against the Rotarians at Caliche Park at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

There will be a masquerade ball at Fort McIntosh in the evening.

Annual New Year's Ball at Elks Hall in the evening.

Latin American Club will entertain with its annual ball in the evening.

The Centro Social Fronterizo will give its annual New Year's ball and banquet tomorrow night in Nuevo Laredo.

Home.

Through the wide window of this sunless room

I see the long street where they buy and sell;

Behind me thrills a never-ceasing bell,

And typists tap-tap in the dust-gray gloom;

But a lost woodland wind has brought perfume

From quiet, far-off places, and the spell

Of spring is on me, for I know so well

The blue hills of my homeland are in bloom.

I feel the grass beneath my feet again—

Dump meadow grass, all matted with my weight;

I hear above the dull town's empty roar

The song of robins and the sound of rain;

I smell wet lilacs by a little gate

That never opens to me any more!

—Hanna Henry in New York Times.

General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus K. Whittington returned home this morning from Houston, where they spent Christmas with relatives.

Mr. E. Oller has returned to San Antonio after spending Christmas with Mrs. A. Thaison and family. Mrs. Oller will remain until after New Year.

Miss Lois Derby is in Hebbronville spending the holidays with Miss Florence Armstrong.

Mrs. J. L. Dannelley has gone to Elgin, Texas, to spend two weeks with her parents.

Mr. R. W. Morrison of San Antonio is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. Elmer Driver left last night for Nacogdoches to spend a week with relatives.

Mr. H. Johns of Cotulla is in the city for a few days stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira O'Meara are expected home on Friday from Carrizo Springs, where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Eistetter, who has been in Illinois for the past several months visiting her daughter, was expected home yesterday.

A Correction.

The name of Mrs. J. Seymour Denike was inadvertently omitted from the list of hostesses at the Revellers' dance Tuesday night.

Dancing Party.

Mrs. Allan Stowers entertained very delightfully yesterday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock with a dancing party in honor of her niece, Miss Alta Mayo Board. The home was charmingly decorated in the holiday colors of green and red. Dancing was enjoyed throughout the afternoon, after which the hostess served a daintily-appointed salad and sweet course. Those enjoying the hospitality of the happy event were: Misses Mildred Anderson, Celeste Hamilton, Ora Lee Camp, Marjorie Fish, Emilie Halsell, Minerva G'Sell, Lucille White, Louise Puster, Joe Puig, Randy Slaughter, Fred, Ben and Grandin Rogers, and the honoree, Miss Alta Mayo Board.

Christmas Party.

Holcomb Austin entertained last evening with a most delightful Christmas party, complementing a number of friends. The rooms were most attractively decorated in the holiday colors and mistletoe and holly wreaths were also effectively used in decoration. Holly wreaths tied in red holly leaves and mistletoe were fastened over the doorways, while the chandeliers held lovely sprays of mistletoe, tied in airy bows of crimson tulle. Progressive games were enjoyed and favors were given to each player, being cleverly hidden in red paper wrapping tied to the side of a toy; each girl received a silver thimble, while the boys' favors were collar pins. Delicious tamales, chocolate and bon-bons were served during the evening. Those enjoying the pleasure of the happy occasion were: Misses Madonna Sorrell, Emilie Halsell, Mildred Leyendecker, Kathleen Heaner, Margaret Copeland, Dorothy Borchers, Rosalie Wormser, Dorothy Derby, Carolyn Brennan, Rosita Barlow, Anna May Mussett, Minerva G'Sell, Pearl Colman, Mildred Bridges, Marjorie Fish, Ora Lee Camp, Mary Besse MacDonald, Messrs. Perry Jefferies, Edward Wright, Louis Puster, Louis Leonard, Pat Eistetter, Norburn Barr, Ralph Matthes, Truman Phelps, Arthur Derby, Billy Derby, Fred Rogers, Lawrence Maher, Lawrence DaCamara, Tom Shirey, Roy Mims and the host.

Holiday Festival.

A real community festival was that given by the International Institute of the Y. W. C. A. and the classes of Mrs. A. C. Hamilton at the Strand on the night of December 27th. The house was full and in the balcony 150 little people shared the delight under the charge of Mrs. Podet, home visiting worker of the Institute, assisted by various helpers and older people. This holiday celebration was greatly facilitated by the co-operation of the Strand in charging a rental which made possible the use of the balcony without charge.

The spirit with which all helped who took part and the talent and energetic study displayed was not only a credit to Laredo but a true expression of community spirit, even if it had to be limited by the size of the auditorium.

The first part of the program under the charge of the International Institute was entitled "Christmas Greetings from Many Lands." A group of girls from an English class sang "The First Noel," an old French melody, and "Silent Night, Holy Night," from the German. "Pease Porridge Hot," an old English dance, and "Bleking," Swedish, was danced by four little girls—Lupe Delgado, Mercedes Burgess, Sarah Leal and Bertha Bodet. A diminutive Mexican Indian couple were represented to the keen delight of the audience by Rebecca and Carmen Garcia, in "charro" costume, who sang one of the comic folk songs of Mexico.

In "The Toyshop," spectators and players were one from the moment the fairy godmother, in the person of Miss Kathleen Heaner, put them under a real spell. The acting throughout was most contagious and kept up the spell until the grown-ups had to say good-bye to Toyland, to which they can only go when boy and girl take them there. The parts of Dick and Jane were most endearingly acted by Miss Madonna Sorrell and Miss Ora Lee Camp. Margarita Canseco as Jack-in-the Box was laughter itself from the first pop out of the box. The Teddy Bear and the Rabbit acted by Gladys Sauvignat and Mary Cooper tempted one to run and catch them. The dancing of the mechanical doll, impersonated by Irene Leyendecker, was so dainty that it was no wonder it inspired such agile hand-springs of delight by a clown doll, Mildred Leyendecker, Consuela Saenz and Dorothy Derby set the audience laughing with the hearty, honest Dutch kisses of Hans and Jeannette and the klop-klop of their wooden shoes. Miss Mildred Anderson and Miss Josephine Leyendecker acted with pretty drollery the mock-tragic romance of the Chinese royal lovers. Four more cunning pigtailed attendants the diminutive and dainty princess could not have had than those represented by Angelina Farias, Antonia Valls, Eugenia Copeland and Charlotte Vidaurri. The dash and gallantry of the tin soldiers, impersonated by Anna May Mussett and Odette Bunn, set more hearts a-flutter than those of the dolls. The Oriental "vamping" of Dardanelia, the Turkish doll, was a clever rendering of a rather difficult burlesque by Miss Mercell Lake.

To impersonate the beloved people of Story Book Land is indeed an undertaking, but due to the study and pains in the costuming and to the pretty acting the favorites trouped before enchanted eyes, just as we always dream them to be. A most winning little page was Minnie Martin; such a modest, lovely Cinderella was Anna May Duggan and Laura Benavides a spirited Red Riding Hood. Josephine Daiches as Jack Horner danced as jolly a hornpipe as was ever aloft. A most nervous Miss Mailet was Elizabeth Bryan and Hattie May Bryan an appealing Bo-Peep. Dear Snow White and the nodding, smiling little elfin man in the persons of Lois Derby and Kathleen Aldridge seemed to have come from the place they were singing about, "down where the lilacs grow."

Margaret Copeland impersonated as irresponsible and forgiveable a Boy Blue as heart could wish. Sleeping Beauty, in the person of Marjorie Fish, awoke with a rapture which was felt by all—as who would not to the touch of so gentle a Prince Charming as was impersonated by Miss Martha Anderson? The witch impersonated by Margaret Ward was properly horrid. By contrast, Contrary Mary, who was not contrary at all, tended her garden with such kindness that it is no wonder such happy-faced flowers grew in it as The Rose, represented by Ruth Cooper; The Pansy, by Tassie Vidaurri; The Poppy, by Agnes Garcia, and The Daisy, by Lily Withoff. As the Grown-Up-Lady and the Toyland people finished singing good-bye to each other, a little wall went up from somewhere in the audience that expressed the sentiments of all: "Don't, please, don't put down the curtain! I want to see some more!"

—Contributed.

RUSSIAN REFUGEES

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 30.—Two hundred children of the officers of General Wrangel's staff, sons and daughters of generals colonels and captains, were among the 100,000 Russian refugees brought to Constantinople harbor by ships of the Allied nations when the Bolshevik broke down Wrangel's defense and overran the Crimea.

Many of them were orphans, their fathers having perished while fighting the Bolsheviks. One was the daughter of the Minister of Finance of the Wrangel regime. All were nearly famished when the vessels on which they had taken refuge arrived here, for the ships' larders had been exhausted.

So hard pressed were all the refugees to obtain food that they threw diamonds and weapons or any other valuable into the boats of traders from Constantinople in payment for anything eatable.

A graphic story of their arrival at Constantinople and how an American destroyer took the 200 children of Wrangel's officers off the refugee vessels and landed them at the trachoma orphanage maintained by the Near East Relief is told in reports received by that organization in this city. It reads in part:

"The harbor is a wonderful and sad sight. One hundred thousand Russians are on ships there, some of them dying. The best of the old Russian families are among these refugees, the men who fought for Wrangel, crowded and sick and without food except what the relief people can get to them and the bread and water given to them by the French.

"Of course, natives are profiteering, and little boats go to the ships and the Russians drop diamonds, firearms and other valuables to these traders in exchange for food. The people on these vessels represent the remains of an old aristocracy with no country to take them, though the French expect to send many to Morocco.

"The children were packed with grown people like sardines on the big ships coming from Crimea and most of them were sick from fatigue, lack of nourishment and lack of sleep. Miss Guntler and Miss Hastings, (refuge workers) went to the ships on board a United States destroyer and 200 children were tagged with the names of their fathers and mothers, and the father's occupation. Many said: 'Father died in Wrangel's army fighting for Russia.' The destroyers brought the children to the landing of the trachoma orphanage which is located right on the Bosphorus. Ten mothers were taken with their very young children and babies and the other children ranged from five to 12 years.

"Most of them looked exactly like well-bred American children. Some carried their dolls tightly in their arms and one little boy hugged a teddy bear. A boy of 12 carried a sick little boy of eight years because he came from his town in Russia. He would not eat until the smaller boy had received soup. Most of the children could speak French.

"First the mothers with little babies were led and then the children, first the girls and then the boys. One boy ate six bowls of soup and all the children ate as if they were starved. There was no noise, no crying, no disorder. They were like little soldiers. All the boys removed their hats upon entering the orphanage. The mothers and babies were first given a bath and then the boys and girls."

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas-Mexican.

Train No. 1 leaves for Corpus Christi at 9:55 a. m.

Train No. 2 arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:35 p. m.

International & Great Northern.

Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 11:15 a. m. and arrives at 4:30 p. m.

Night Train.

Leaves at 10 p. m. and arrives at 7:30 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.

Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8:30 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:20 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 11 a. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:15 p. m.

Power-boat racing for 1921 will be started the second week of February at Miami, Fla., with the contests for the Fisher Trophy.

SOUTHERN MEMBERS AROUSED BY CHARGE THAT WHITE PEOPLE IN SOUTH ARE LAWLESS

Secretary of Negro Advancement Society Declared that a Majority of the White People in Many Southern Communities are Lawless, and Both Larsen and Carlos Bee Repudiated the Charge.

MORE RADICALS ARE TO BE DEPORTED NOW

ALIEN REDS HELD OR ON PAROLE IN BOSTON AND NEW YORK ARE TO LEAVE.

By Associated Press.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Another deportation of alien radicals to Russia is planned by the department of labor January 15. It will include persons detained or on parole, both in this port and in New York. This announcement was made in the federal district court today by Assistant United States Attorney Lewis Goldberg.

INAUGURATION NOW INTERESTS HARDING

PLANS FOR CEREMONIAL UNDER DISCUSSION AT MARION BY THE LEADERS TODAY.

By Associated Press.

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Plans for the inauguration held the right of way today in President-elect Harding's schedule of conferences. E. B. McLean, the Washington publisher, who is chairman of the congressional committee on inauguration, and Will Hays, who is chairman of the Republican national committee, will have an active consultation here.

Announced Harding's Stand.

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Following a conference with President-elect Harding, Senator Knox of Pennsylvania today expressed his assurance that the Versailles league of nations will not be used by Mr. Harding as a basis for the proposed association of nations.

VETOED RESOLUTION.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Wilson today vetoed the joint resolution designed to suspend the section of the Clayton act prohibiting common carriers dealing with any concern having interfering directorates with the carrier except to a limited extent as to contracts.

AN IMPORTANT GAME

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—At tacks against opposing lines, mainly off tackle, featured the 1920 offensive of the University of California's undefeated football team which is to play Ohio State at Pasadena, Cal., New Year's Day.

California made little use of the forward pass this year, probably because at no time was the team ever hard pressed. Only in the game against Stanford University did the Blue and Gold men "open up" and hats upon entering the orphanage. The mothers and babies were first given a bath and then the boys and girls."

Charges through center have scored nearly as many California yards as have backs off tackle. End runs have also brought in gains. But the main attack has been off tackle, with the two big Blue and Gold tackles clearing the way for the backfield men.

Throughout the season the California men showed they had been drilled in interference. In running, back the ball from kicks and in end runs and line work the interference has been a feature.

CHECK RUN-RUNNING.

By Associated Press.

Vancouver, B. C., December 30.—Heavy reinforcements to Canadian and American customs forces and vigilance on the part of Canadian border municipal officials have resulted in a sharp curbing of run-running operations cross the boundary into Washington. Indications are not lacking that many liquor smugglers are abandoning their heretofore remunerative employment.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Southern members of the house census committee holding hearings on the congressional apportionment bill were aroused today by the charge of Walter White of New York, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that a majority of the white people in many Southern communities were lawless. Representative Larsen (Democrat) of Georgia declared the charge "untrue" and demanded that witnesses before the committee be required to confine themselves to facts of their own personal knowledge and not be permitted to give "hearsay evidence." Mr. Larsen asserted: "I News Reine correspondent today says an unwilling to let a witness come D'Annunzio has accepted the terms here and make wholesale charges of General Cavaglia, commanding the slandering a section of the United regular forces about Fiume. D'Annunzio's legionnaires will be dissolved (Democrat) of Texas also took exception to and granted amnesty, the correspondent's charges. 'Knowing what den declares, adding that it is ex- we have done toward upbuilding the pected D'Annunzio will go to South negro race, I cannot sit silent under the statement made by the witness from New York,' he said.

TOWN WIPED OUT.

By Associated Press.

Palatine, Texas, Dec. 30.—Marquez, a small town near here, was practically wiped out of existence by fire last night. Ten business houses and a hotel were destroyed. The origin of the fire is not known.

CAPTURED ARMED NEGROES.

By Associated Press.

Seale, Alabama, Dec. 30.—Three members of an armed negro band which wounded a deputy sheriff and four other members of a searching party early today have been captured by a posse headed by Sheriff Ragland near Bitway. The sheriff is reported to be bringing the prisoners to this place.

NO LONGER PRIMITIVE

By Associated Press.

Papeete, Tahiti, Dec. 30.—Those who have the long voyage to the south seas in the hope of escaping the extravagances of civilization are likely to meet with bitter disillusionment before they have been in the islands many hours.

The hectic atmosphere of the metropolitan dance hall has been waited across the long miles of blue sea to these isolated shores and Broadway flannels brazenly through the shadows of the coconut groves. The gramophone has come to Tahiti and has been acquired by every native who could find the wherewithal. And now the peaceful silences, broken heretofore only by the sound of the distant booming of the surf on the barrier reef and the soft cadences of native singing, are shattered by the sonorous blare of the latest jazz or the screech of the reigning favorite on the vaudeville circuit.

MAY ENTER POLAND

By Associated Press.

Warsaw, Dec. 30.—The Polish government has notified the American Red Cross that it has granted permission to 2,000 peasant refugees from the territory formerly occupied by General Wrangel to enter Poland. The decision to give asylum to them was made in response to a telegram from General Wrangel who asked that they be admitted. They are mostly wives and children of Russian soldiers with Wrangel's forces and they are said to be in a critical state of want. Information received in Warsaw indicates that the peasants in South Russia face a winter of starvation and the Polish authorities expect to receive further appeals to admit many more thousands before the winter is far advanced. Large migrations of refugees from central Russia to the Black Sea coast are taking place and whole families have been found there from the old provinces of Kostroma, Ejasan and Kaluga.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

DECEMBER 30.

Germany agreed to sign ratification of Peace Treaty on Jan. 6.

Governor Coolidge declined endorsement for vice presidency in South Dakota primary.

TIMES WANT ADS.

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D'ANNUNZIO WILL GO TO SOUTH AMERICA

POET-SOLDIER ACCEPTS TERMS AND HIS FIUME LEGION WILL BE DISBANDED.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 30.—The Evening Standard correspondent today says D'Annunzio has accepted the terms here and make wholesale charges of General Cavaglia, commanding the slandering a section of the United regular forces about Fiume. D'Annunzio's legionnaires will be dissolved (Democrat) of Texas also took exception to and granted amnesty, the correspondent's charges. 'Knowing what den declares, adding that it is ex- we have done toward upbuilding the pected D'Annunzio will go to South negro race, I cannot sit silent under the statement made by the witness from New York,' he said.

ARMY BARRACKS NOT TO BE CONSTRUCTED

W. R. DEPARTMENT'S PLAN FOR ARMY HOUSING MET WITH DECIDED DISAPPROVAL.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The \$50,000,000 item for army post construction submitted by the war department refused by the house appropriations committee in reporting the sundry civil supply bill was the initial step in the new army housing project, contemplating estimated expenditures of more than \$300,000,000 over a period of ten or twelve years. Details of the scheme formulated by the general staff revealed in testimony taken by the committee are just made public, in urging congressional approval of the plan Secretary Baker recommended that many existing army posts, particularly those near large cities, be abandoned and sold and the funds used for financing the new project.

NEW MILITIA CHIEF.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Colonel George Richards of Oil City, Pennsylvania, today was appointed by President Wilson chief of the militia bureau of the war department. Col. Richards, who has been serving with the general staff, will have supervision over the employment of the National Guard as an integral part of the army of the United States as provided in the army reorganization bill.

JURY IN JAPAN

By Associated Press.

Tokio, Nov. 23.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—A special committee on legislation is considering the advisability of introducing the jury system into Japan but its proposal is opposed by a number of influential privy councilors, who declare that the nation is not yet advanced enough for this system. It is expected that the proposal will be dropped.

SPORTING NOTES.

Bryan Downey and Angie Ratner are to furnish the New Year fistic entertainment for the fans of Columbus, Ohio.

The Sunny South Handicap, a winter event in Southern trapshoot- ing circles, is to be staged at Houston in February.

Dates for the coming season of the Lake Erie Troutling Circuit will be decided upon at a meeting in Pittsburgh January 13.

Manistee, a good ball town in the days of the old Michigan State league, would like to obtain a Central league franchise.

Notice.

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D. M. VALDEZ, Secretary.

From Wednesday's Daily.

MONK EASTMAN.

At one time "Monk" Eastman, the notorious gunman of New York's East Side, divided attention from the press with crowned heads. He was one of the most feared men in New York, for his all-powerful gang was more obedient to him than the average soldier is to his commanding officer.

Yet the other night "Monk" Eastman, then living under his real name of William Delaney, following his return from active service with the army in France and his pardon for past offenses, was killed by a rival gang, and the one-time terror of the East Side has passed.

The time is coming, and coming soon, when those criminal gangs will be broken up forever. They no longer have a place in the world—at least, the world of the Americas. They are as anachronistic as the men in armor or the bravos of the Middle Ages.

Opposed to law and order, killing for a small sum, for revenge or for mere cold-blooded enjoyment of murder, they have been a menace to the decent people and a blot on the fair name of the metropolis.

The same energy, daring and fearlessness that made Delaney at one time the idol of the crooks also made of him a good soldier during his service, and his discharge was marked "Character Excellent." He distinguished himself by his bravery on several occasions, and demonstrated that his valor did not depend upon the backing of the sneaking crooks who lurked in dark alleys and shot down his enemies.

The killing of Delaney was in no wise a punishment for his past offenses, but was merely an act of revenge on the part of men who were less brave than himself. He had been pardoned for the crimes that he and his gang committed, the state was wiped clean because of his good service in the army, and he might have been a useful citizen had it not been for the hatred inspired by the rivalry in the gang world.

Yet his death demonstrates the truth of the old declaration that "He that taketh the sword shall perish by the sword." The victims of his gang were many, and might have been more except for the terror the name of "Monk" Eastman inspired.

That the authorities will endeavor to trace the slayers of Delaney is certain, not because a noted gunman was killed, but because the time has come for such killings to cease. The lawlessness of New York has become a stench in the nostrils of all America, and no wild border town ever showed a more complete disregard for the law than these curs who attack in gangs or from safe ambush.

The powers that prey have used the gangsters in the past, but they are coming to learn that the people are no longer willing to submit to domination through the methods of assassination.

The foreign terrorist societies are gradually being cleaned out of our big cities. It is time that the gunmen be hunted down and given short shrift, as short as that they gave their victims. There should be a concerted effort to round up and punish these devils in human form who kill for a few dollars, or just to keep their hand in.

When the law came to the border the people breathed easier. It was no longer necessary for a man to arm himself for the protection of his life against the attacks of the outlaw. And no outlaw ever lived in any part of the wildest West who could compare for pure ferocity and absolute lack of humanity with these big city gunmen.

The outlaws of the border were killed off, for it was the only way in which decent society could rid itself of them. The gunmen of New York and the other big cities probably will have to be disposed of in the same way, for the majority of them could not be trusted were they to be pardoned.

But it would be strange if the killing of the most notorious of the gunmen should lead to a crusade which would rid the metropolis of one of its worst excrescences. The real New York, which is the decent part of the population, can well spare its noxious vermin.

OUR BIRTHDAY.

While Texas had a brilliant history prior to that date, the birth of Texas as one of the states of the Union occurred seventy-five years ago today, when she was admitted to the United States—December 29, 1845.

Since that date much history has been made in the former Republic of Texas, the previous sister of Coahuila in the Republic of Mexico and once an insignificant and little known part of the New Spain that was founded by Cortez and his successors.

Other anniversaries are celebrated in Texas with much acclaim, but it is probable that not one Texan in a hundred ever thinks of the date of annexation, save to remember that it was some time in 1845.

The stirring events that followed the declaration of independence March 2, 1836; the campaign of Santa Ana against the new republic, and the story of the Alamo, the most thrilling of all in American history, even outliving that of Bunker Hill

or Concord; the subsequent victory at San Jacinto and the recognition of Texas as a sovereign power—all these are better known to all Texans than the final annexation into the Union.

Yet today is an important anniversary. It marks the beginning of the real history of Texas, the history which has made of our state one of the greatest in the Union, and while the event is not as generally celebrated as it should be, it must be remembered that without annexation and the consequent support of the United States against the encroachments of a crafty foe, the history of the new republic might have been vastly different.

At the time of annexation the entire population of the state was not as great as that of any one of several of its counties today. The vast empire that stretched from the Gulf to the westward and from the Red river to the Rio Grande was untouched by the plow, save in a few small scattered settlements.

The wild Indians roamed over the greater part of the state, taking their toll of the settlers' cattle at will. The only industry was that of cattle raising, and that was attended by dangers that made it less profitable than hazardous.

The people of those days freighted their goods in ox carts, and their distant markets made it difficult to get more than one shipment in a year. There was little money in circulation, and the medium of exchange was anything that could be transferred without too much trouble in transporting.

Wild animals peopled the ranges, and the unerring aim of the Texas men and boys—even the women—was gained by much practice on live targets, the painted face of a live Indian being more familiar to the boys of those days than is the "shooting gallery" to those of today.

Yet out of the strife and the turmoil, out of the hardships and the poverty of the early days, has come the proud state of Texas, who relinquished her "Lone Star" to accept a star in the firmament of the Union, and who today is the fifth state in population, the greatest in territory and one of the richest of all this rich nation.

The few poorly armed men who formed the "army" that defeated Santa Ana's well equipped forces have developed into a force that was sufficient to form two divisions of the United States army during the recent war, with thousands more enlisted in various other organizations.

There is still a vast extent of territory to be covered by the railways, yet we have more miles of railroad than many a state that is covered by a network of rails. We have more automobiles than many another section, and although we have some distance to travel within our own borders, we have the means to cover the distance.

Other states may be older as units of the republic, but none of them have progressed as much in seventy-five years as has Texas.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Horace Chilton, former United States senator from Texas, born in Smith County, Texas, 67 years ago today.

Dr. William P. Few, president of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., born at Greenville, S. C., 53 years ago today.

William J. Fields, representative in Congress of the Ninth Kentucky district, born in Carter County, Ky., 46 years ago today.

Charlotte Walker, prominent as an actress and motion picture star, born at Galveston, Texas, 42 years ago today.

Jess Willard, former champion heavyweight pugilist, born in Pottawatomie County, Kas., 33 years ago today.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

December 29. Brigadier General Douglas, MacArthur, U. S. A., who has accepted an invitation to deliver the opening address at the fifteenth annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association in Chicago today, is the present superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was graduated from the military academy in 1903 at the head of his class, which numbered 190. Joining the engineer corps, he went to the Philippines and served there with credit. During the Russo-Japanese war he was a representative of the United States army. In 1913 he was assigned to duty with the general staff corps and for some time served as military censor of the War Department. Gen. MacArthur is a student of military history and is considered one of the ablest writers on the technique of war that the United States army has recently produced.

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Times Want Ads. Money Makers

HE CAPTURED THE BURGLAR AS THE RESULT OF A SHADOW

W. S. Cantrell Saw Shadow Crossing His Threshold, Ran it Down and Captured Burglar in Home.

Yesterday evening just after dusk had set in W. S. Cantrell, returning to his home at 1005 Rosario street with Mrs. Cantrell, whom he had met at the train, detected the shadow of what he believed to be a man passing across the threshold of his home after he entered the place. Not caring to excite his wife, Mr. Cantrell decided to investigate.

Going to a place where he had a shotgun standing against the wall, Mr. Cantrell picked up the weapon and went in search of the shadow, and after going from one room to another he saw a hat projecting from behind a cabinet in the kitchen and got a "bead" on the sombrero and made the man beneath it a prisoner. Mrs. Cantrell was instructed to notify the police station, but as she was somewhat excited, the officers could not catch the meaning of her message. Finally Mr. Cantrell succeeded in getting J. S. Denike to come to his home, and then the burglar was placed in a car and brought to the police station by Messrs. Cantrell and Denike and surrendered to the authorities. The Cantrell home had been burglarized twice already during the past few days and this may have been the same burglar who made the previous visitations.

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D. M. VALDEZ, Secretary. 12-28-21.

AT LAREDO "MOVIES."

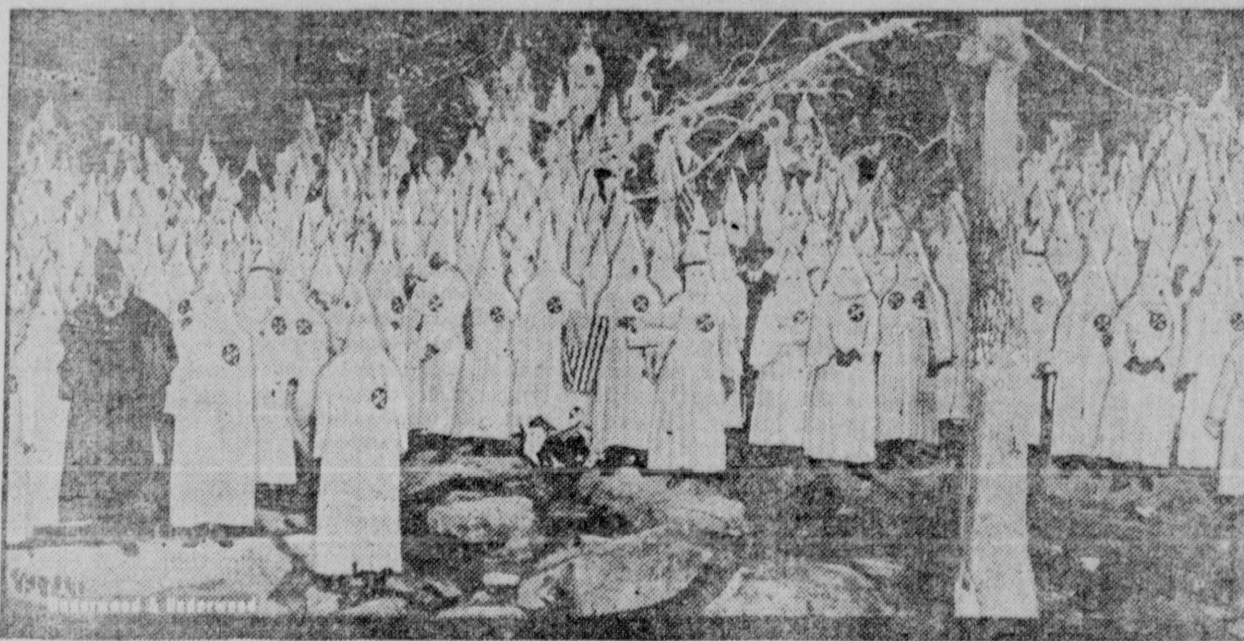
"The North Wind's Malice" at Royal. Vera Gordon, the popular star in "The North Wind's Malice," by Rex Beach, a Goldwyn picture, which comes to the Royal Theatre, for two days, commencing Friday, is a Russian, born of the richest family and the biggest in her town of Katerina. She went on the stage in Russia at thirteen years of age, in the plays of Gorky and Tolstoi. Her most remarkable performance in this country was in Arthur Hopkins production of "The Gentile Wife." Previous to that, she was in a Jewish stock company for five years, with Madam Sarah Adler, and three years in A. H. Wood's plays. Her part in "The North Wind's Malice" is that of Rachel Guth, which she plays under the direction of Carl Harbough and Paul Bern.

Louise Huff at the Rialto.

A new Selznick Picture, "The Dangerous Paradise," with lovely Louise Huff in the starring role, is announced as the feature attraction at the Rialto Theatre today and tomorrow. In "The Dangerous Paradise," which was made under the direction of William P. S. Earle, Miss Huff is given a splendid opportunity to interpret the role of a young society girl in a story that is interesting throughout. The story is from the pen of Edmund Goulding, a photo dramatist of note, who has acted, directed and appeared in several Selznick productions.

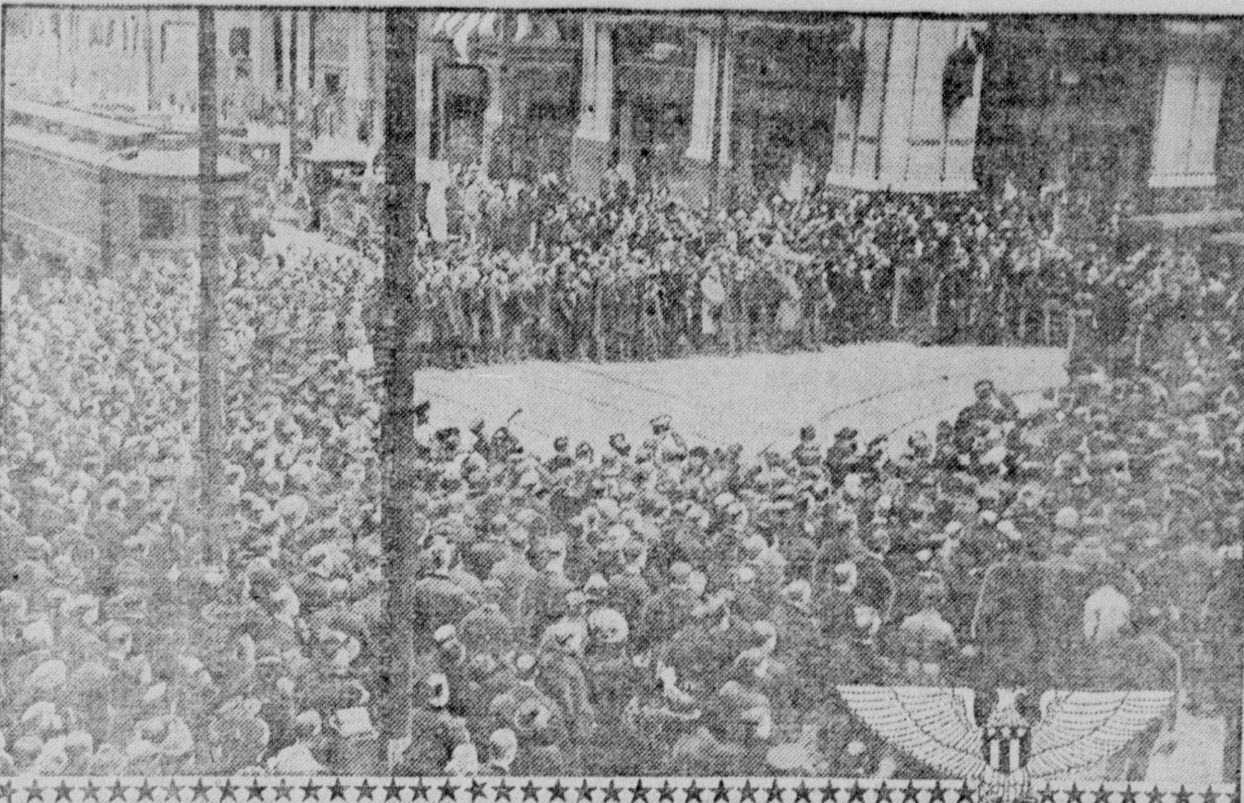
New Year's Feature at Strand. Tom Terriss has produced some of the best pictures on the screen, chief of which is "Trumpet Island," which will be shown at Strand Theatre Saturday. It is different from any photoplay that has been shown here and is one that stands out in marked contrast from all others. There are many spectacular scenes such as the grand debauch in the Tower studio; a terrific electrical storm at sea which wrecks an airplane and sends the occupants, a bride and a groom, plunging through space to an unknown fate a thousand feet below.

Ku Klux at Midnight Mountain Gathering in Georgia



Once more the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan answer the call of their leaders, but now the gatherings are for entirely different purposes, states W. J. Simmons, Imperial wizard. The Ku Klux Klan has been granted a charter by the state of Georgia and has organizations in other states. Mr. Simmons says that the Klan is a respectable law-abiding fraternal organization and has no connection with night riders and gin burners.

Armistice Day Observed in Chicago



Armistice day was generally observed in all American cities, with parades, patriotic meetings and other ceremonies. The photograph shows part of the crowd at State and Madison streets, Chicago, standing with bared heads while trumpeters of the marines sounded the requiem.

We Buy Rags. Wash all the old rags that you have and bring them to The Times office. Best prices paid. Rags must be soft and clean. 11-13-21.

Notice to Stockholders.

At a special meeting of the board of directors of this company a call was made for the final installment of 25 per cent due on new stock payable January 20, 1921.

HOME ICE COMPANY.

By L. J. Christen, Secy. 12-20-1921.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER 29. 1806—Andrew Johnson, seventeenth President of the U. S., born at Raleigh N. C., died in Carter County, Tenn., July 30, 1875. 1809—William E. Gladstone, famous English statesman, born in Liverpool. Died at Hawarden, May 19, 1898. 1820—John S. Barbour, U. S. senator from Virginia, born in Culpeper County, Va. Died May 14, 1892. 1821—Marquis Wellesley was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. 1845—Duplicate division of Biela's comet seen at Yale college. 1876—Nearly 100 lives lost by the giving away of a railroad bridge near Ashtabula, Ohio, while a train was passing over it. 1895—Thomas O'Gorman was appointed Roman Catholic bishop of Sioux Falls. 1905—The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Calcutta.

REPRESENTATIVE NEBLETT TO DEPART FOR LEGISLATURE

Will Visit Old Home in Anderson First and Then Be on Hand For Meeting of Solons on January 11.

W. T. Neblett, Jr., the newly-elected representative in the Texas legislature from this district, leaves tomorrow for Anderson, Texas, where he will spend a few days visiting his old home, and from there will go to Austin in ample time to be on hand at the convening of the regular session of the Texas legislature on Tuesday, January 11.

Representative Neblett, who is a wide-awake and progressive young man with many good ideas of what can be done to improve conditions generally in this state by proper legislation on the subject, believe that much good work will be done by the next session of the legislature, and maybe within a few weeks his constituency will hear of some measure that he may propose, and when that time comes Mr. Neblett will not be a bit shy, like most newly-elected solons are, but will arise on the floor of the house and argue the points of any law that he may seek to have enacted for the good of grand old Texas.

UNITED STATES ENGINEERS CONTINUE TO SAMFORDYCE

Two Members of Organization Who Committed Robbery and Burglary Here Are Held as Prisoners.

Company C, 9th U. S. Engineers, composed of 65 men in command of Captain Simpkins, which arrived here on Christmas day en route to Samfordyce on their overland march from Fort Sam Houston and have been resting here, resumed their march to their destination this morning.

Two of the members of this company, Mexican-Americans, who were arrested at Fort McIntosh by members of the 17th Infantry charged with several thefts committed in Laredo at the homes of Frank Nye and F. H. Earnest, were left in the guardhouse at Fort McIntosh to face trial of the charges preferred against them, and may be turned over to the civil authorities to face charges of theft and burglary. Most of the stolen goods have been recovered.

ENGINE SLIDES INTO RIVER WHILE BEING TRANSFERRED

Hoisting Engine Being Used on Construction International Footbridge Slips Into Rio Grande.

The first accident of any consequence to occur at the scene of the construction of the new international footbridge occurred yesterday afternoon and caused a slight delay in the preliminary preparations for the beginning of actual construction work. A force of men were engaged in the work of transporting the heavy hoisting engine from the mainland to the island near the bridge on a barge when the barge swamped and the engine slid off into the Rio Grande. Preparations were begun at once to remove the engine from the river and place it on the island, and this work is now under way.

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On Business Trip to Mexico.

Charles H. Hughes left here this week for a several weeks' visit to various portions of Mexico, including Monterey, Tampico and Saltillo. While away Mr. Hughes will also visit his hacienda in Mexico.

HOLDING HEARINGS TODAY AND RECEIVER APPOINTED

F. M. Ramsay Appointed as Trustee of the Bor-Tex Oil Co. by Judge Scott; Bond Fixed at \$26,000.

Before Hon. John C. Scott of Corpus Christi, referee in bankruptcy of this district, hearings on contested claims against the Bor-Tex Oil Co., which recently went into the hands of a trustee, were begun this morning in the federal courtroom and are still in progress this afternoon.

The hearing of claims and the appointment of a trustee occupied the time this morning and claims are still being heard this afternoon. Judge Scott this morning appointed F. M. Ramsay as trustee of the organization and his bond was fixed at \$26,000.

Will Return Here Next Monday.

W. T. McKenzie, president of the Rincon Petroleum Co., with headquarters in Fresno, California, which has extensive oil leases in Webb county, and is planning to begin drilling operations within the next few weeks on two of their leases, will return to Laredo on next Monday. Two big California drilling outfits are now on the road to Laredo and are expected to reach here by the middle of January and Mr. McKenzie will be here to personally supervise the beginning of drilling work near Reiser and northwest of Laredo.

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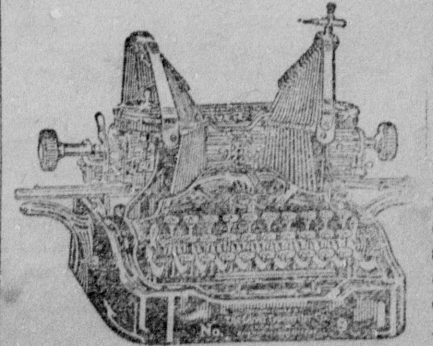
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FREE WIRELESS.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 28.—In turning over informally the new Lafayette wireless station to the French government a few days ago, the American government has proposed that the station receive and send official messages, both French and American, gratuitously for an indefinite time.

These would include, first, messages from the departments of the American government, particularly War, Navy, State and Commerce, to their representatives and bureaus in France; second, official messages from the American government to the French government; third, despatches to the United States government wireless stations from its representatives in France.

In return the United States promises that the Annapolis station will perform the same service for the French government, free of charge. This large amount of business is now being handled by the private cable and commercial wireless companies.

This suggested innovation, which originated with the Navy department, is being seriously considered by the French government although it believes it would carry by far the larger load, and although it had planned to leave the station entirely free during peacetime to handle only commercial business. The wireless stations of the French government are used by the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs during peacetime and by the Ministry of War during time of war.

The Lafayette station, which is 20 miles from Bordeaux, is now actually being operated by the French Ministry of Posts, and sent to North and South America most of the press reports of the meeting of the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva.

The station was started during the war by the American Navy Department and at the armistice the French government arranged with the navy to finish it, agreeing to pay the entire cost of construction. It can reach any point on the globe.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER 28.

1768—Rev. Alexander J. Forsyth, who invented the percussion lock for firearms, born in Scotland. Died there in 1843.

818—Emperor Alexander granted to Russian peasants the right to establish manufactures.

832—M. De Blowitz, the famous Paris correspondent of The London Times, born in Pilsen, Austria. Died in Paris, Jan. 18, 1903.

836—Spain recognized the independence of Mexico.

1846—Congress voted to admit Iowa into the Union as the 29th State.

1861—United States Government released Messrs. Mason and Seward.

1871—The French National Assembly negated a proposal for an income tax.

878—Pope Leo XIII issued an encyclical condemning communism, socialism, and nihilism as fruits of the Reformation.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

DECEMBER 28.

National Industrial Conference reported an increase in the cost of living in the United States of 82.2 per cent since July, 1914.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 28.

At the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City a benefit is to be held today for the Rev. Phoebe Hanford, pioneer woman minister and comrade of Lucretia Mott and Susan B. Anthony in the early days of the suffrage movement. Fifty years ago there were few women in America more widely known than Phoebe Hanford. Now, in her ninety-second year and after a lifetime spent in working for the woman movement, she is dependent more or less on charity for her personal comforts. A native of the Island of Nantucket, she began life as a school teacher, and then studied for the ministry. She was the first woman minister ordained in New England and for a number of years filled pulpits in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey towns. At the same time she attained a wide reputation as a writer and lecturer.

Gold is yellow only by reflected light. If a leaf of gold, as ordinarily used by gliders, be placed between two pieces of glass, and held up to the light, it will be seen to transmit green light.

TIMES WANT ADS.

Money Makers



SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.

Miss Kathleen Heener will entertain with a Christmas party at 8 o'clock in the evening complimenting a number of friends in honor of her brother, Ernest Heener.

The Revellers will entertain with a dance at Elks Hall at 8:30 in the evening.

Wednesday.

Holcomb Austin will entertain with a party in the evening complimenting a number of friends.

White Azaleas.

Azaleas—whitest of white! White as the drifted snow Fresh-fallen out of the night, Before the coming glow Tinges the morning light: When the light is like the snow, White, And the silence is like the light; Light, and silence and snow—All—white!

White! not a hint Of the creamy tint A rose will hold, The whitest rose, in its inmost fold;

Not a possible blush; White as an embossed hush; A very rapture of white; A wedlock of silence and light; White, white as the wonder undefiled

Of Eve, just wakened into paradise; Nay, white as the angel of a child That looks into God's own eyes.

—Harriet McEwen Kimball.

General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Leopoldo E. Bruni have moved into their new home at No. 1066 San Darlo avenue.

Miss Hannah Deutschman of San Antonio arrived in the city yesterday to spend a few days and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julio R. Rodriguez.

Grandin and Elmer Rogers have as their guest for the holidays Mr. Oliver Maud of Austin.

Prof. and Mrs. F. W. Mally returned yesterday from Crystal City, where they spent the weekend.

Mrs. H. D. Shelby will return today from San Diego, where she spent Christmas with relatives.

Mr. J. A. Pope left yesterday for Corpus Christi on a business trip.

Mr. Gus Buttrick left last night for Tampico, Mexico, where he has gone to accept a position.

Mrs. Lee Vollmer and son expect to return to their home in San Antonio on Friday after spending Christmas with relatives.

Miss Sue Brennan expects to leave on Thursday night for Arlington, Texas, where she will complete her business course.

Miss Dora Becker will return to San Antonio on Sunday to resume her school work after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Becker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Buenz and sons are spending the holidays in San Antonio.

Edward Biggio is home from San Antonio and is spending the holidays with his grandfather, Rev. J. Ward.

Rev. Dr. E. H. Ward of Hot Springs, Virginia, is expected in the city on Thursday for a ten days' visit to his brother, Rev. J. Ward and family.

Announcement.

Mrs. Chas. Deutz will entertain on Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 in honor of her cousin, Mrs. Clarence Heath Miller of Austin, with a musicale-tea.

Christmas Party.

The children of Christ Church Sunday-school were delightfully entertained with a Christmas party and tree last evening at the Woman's Club. The room was very appropriately decorated in holiday motif and a beautifully dressed tree also added to the whole. Games of different kinds and dancing was enjoyed and gifts were distributed, each child being remembered. Later in the evening ice cream cones, fruit and candies were served. There were a large number of children present and also grown-ups who enjoyed the pleasure of the happy occasion.

COLLEGE CHESS TOURNEY.

New York, Dec. 28.—In the rooms of the Manhattan Chess Club play was commenced today in the twenty-eighth annual chess tournament among teams representing Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton Universities. The games will be continued each afternoon and evening over to-morrow and Thursday. In the opening play today Columbia was pitted against Harvard and Yale against Princeton.

ODD AND INTERESTING.

There are over a hundred varieties of holly.

In Ashanti a child is usually given the name of the day of the week on which it was born.

Alligators grow very slowly. A twelve-footer may be reasonably supposed to be about 75 years old.

To ensure themselves against oversleeping the Chinese sometimes tie a long piece of joss-stick to one of their thumbs, light it, and lie down to rest. When the stick burns down to the flesh the pain awakens them, and they quickly arise.

Marriage is not a religious ceremony among the Burmese. There is a ceremony, of course, but the only necessary and binding part of it is that the couple should, in the presence of witnesses called together for the purpose, eat out of the same bowl.

The American mistletoes differ from the English mistletoes in the independence of the sexes. In the European, the male and female flowers grow upon the same plant, hence berries may be found on every plant. In America each sex labors for itself, and grows on separate plants; hence there are many plants wholly barren so far as berries are concerned.

TEACH ITALIAN.

By Associated Press.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 28.—Some Brazilian government officials oppose the Italian government's proposal that the Italian language be taught in Brazilian schools in districts largely occupied by immigrants from Italy. This plan was contained in the labor and emigration agreement which the Italian government recently offered to Brazil. The Brazilian Director General of Commercial and Consular Affairs has presented a report on the subject to his government objecting to this proposal.

The agreement planned to regulate the future settlement of Italians in Brazil, where they already form an important part of the population, particularly in the coffee-producing state of Sao Paulo. The Italians requested also that arbitral tribunals be set up to decide controversies between workers and their employers.

Objection is made by Brazilians on the ground that obligatory teaching of Italian would increase the difficulty of assimilating the immigrants to the national life of the country, giving rise to the same complaints formulated against the teaching of German in the large German settlements in Santa Catharina state. This state had become so Germanized that after Brazil entered the war, teaching of Portuguese and other national subjects was made obligatory in all the schools throughout the union.

FAMOUS WOMEN BORN IN 1821.

The year 1821 saw the birth of numerous women whose lives and works were of great influence upon their social, moral and intellectual progress of their age. Following is a list of some of these eminent women whose centenaries will be observed during the year about to begin:

Clara Barton, civil war nurse and founder of the American Red Cross Society.

May Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science.

Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman to obtain a medical degree in America.

Rachel (Elizabeth Rachel Felix), one of the greatest actresses of the 19th century.

Clara Angela Macrone, composer of the famous anthem, "By the Waters of Babylon."

Elizabeth Rowell Thompson, American philanthropist and temperance advocate.

Mrs. Ann Gilbert, an actress who enjoyed the admiration, esteem and affection of thousands of American playgoers.

Charlotte H. Sainton-Dolby, English contralto singer, for whom the contralto music in Mendelssohn's "Elijah" was written.

Isabella Banks, author of numerous popular novels, and mother-in-law of the famous novelist, William Black.

Charlotte Maria Tucker, an English author whose stories for children were widely read both in England and America.

Lady Lucy Duff-Gordon, English author and translator, originator of the celebrated "Letters from Egypt."

Graceanna Lewis, celebrated naturalist and also a leader in many reform and philanthropic movements in America.

Maria White Lowell, wife of James Russell Lowell, and herself the author of several volumes of exquisite verse.

Abby Morton Diaz, American lecturer, reformer, and author of numerous books for children.

When You Are Constipated.

To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

WILL BE TRIED.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Contrary to general expectation, it seems that Henri Landru, whom the police call the Gambais Bluebeard, is after all to be tried on the charge that he murdered his 11 fiancées and will not be let off with the five years' sentence and subsequent deportation to Devil's Island which he has already received for swindling.

The indictment, which forms a volume of 475 pages, has been sent to the Assizes Court and the investigating Judge, Bonin, leaving a great sigh of relief, announced that the case was now out of his hands. Maître de Moro-Giafferi, who was one of the defense for Caillaux, will be counsel for the accused Gambais man.

Landru has appealed to the Court of Cassation against the sentence for swindling. Judge Bonin told him the appeal would delay his trial for murder and thus deprive him of a chance to prove his innocence before next March.

"I am in no hurry," responded Landru, whose dry wit has made him a hard customer for the judge. "By the way, just to set matters right, I have not the slightest desire to prove my innocence; I understand it is up to you to prove my guilt."

"All right," replied the Judge, "postponed until the March Assizes." "I should worry," Landru retorted as a parting shot, "My alleged victims, myself or you will have died of old age before the Assizes have seen any one of us."

MADE A MISTAKE.

By Associated Press.

Lisbon, Dec. 28.—The new German Minister to Portugal, E. A. Varetzsch, was mistaken by the people of Lisbon for the Prince of Monaco when he went into the palace recently to present his credentials to the President of Portugal. Hearing that the popular Prince was here, the people gathered about the palace and when Herr Varetzsch appeared after his interview with the President, gave him an enthusiastic demonstration, believing he was the Prince.

The new diplomat appeared highly gratified at the cordial reception so unexpectedly given him by the enemy of yesterday and probably has telegraphed the pleasing fact to his government. Residents of Lisbon who have learned the fact are smiling over the incident.

BOYCOTT OF BRITISH.

By Associated Press.

Bombay, Dec. 24.—The non-cooperation movement, or boycott of British institutions, which is headed by Gandhi and other native leaders has taken a position in opposition to the election of members of city government and other legislative bodies under the new Government of India Act. In consequence, most of the candidates for these offices were from the moderate faction composed of the minority who voted against the boycott resolution which passed the Special Indian National Congress in its session last September.

Just prior to the election, Gandhi published an "open letter to every Englishman" in which he asserted that the only way to suppress the rising ebullition of national feeling was for the British government to meet in conference the recognized leaders of the people, duly elected by them and representing all shades of opinion so as to devise means of granting "Swaraj" (national independence) "in accordance with the wishes of the people of India."

Gandhi warned the Hindu leaders who hesitated to support his boycott movement that the people were advancing at a rate too fast for those leaders to keep pace. "It is a psychological movement for the country and we may not have an opportunity like the present one for a century," he said.

Mohammed Ali, who is considered the right-hand man of Gandhi, declared in a speech to students in Allahabad and Benares: "If we had weapons and the courage to use them we should have struck a blow at the outset. When we are fit to strike a blow we shall give due warning to the government. If the non-cooperation policy in education fails, the next movement will be for non-cooperation in the postal and telegraph services and afterward in the police force and in the army."

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas-Mexican.

Train No. 1 leaves for Corpus Christi at 9:55 a. m.

Train No. 2 arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:35 p. m.

International & Great Northern.

Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 11:15 a. m. and arrives at 4:30 p. m.

Night Train.

Leaves at 10 p. m. and arrives at 7:30 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.

Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8:30 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:20 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 11 a. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:15 p. m.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

REPUBLICAN SUPPORTER OF LEAGUE SAYS HE CONSIDERS THE LEAGUE IS NOW DEAD

Senator McCumber of North Dakota, the Only Republican Who Voted for the Treaty and the League, Now Advises Harding to Go Ahead with His Preparations for An Association of Nations.

ASKED SUSPENSION OF ALL HOSTILITIES

MAYOR OF FIUME WANTS ARMISTICE WITH THE ITALIAN REGULARS BESIEGING THE CITY.

By Associated Press.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The mayor of Fiume has asked General Cavaglia, commander of the regular Italian forces, for a suspension of hostilities, according to a Fiume despatch today. General Cavaglia stipulated for two conditions, one of which has already been accepted. It is expected that in the interview arranged for today between the mayor and General Ferrario, commander of the blockading forces, terms of capitulation will be agreed upon.

Believed Fiume Occupied.

Lisbon, Dec. 28.—There is reason to believe that Fiume is occupied by regular troops, Premier Giolitti today declared at the press conference in Rome last night, says a Central News despatch from that city.

D'Annunzio Was Wounded.

Tripoli, Dec. 28.—News confirming reports that Gabriele D'Annunzio, the Italian insurgent leader at Fiume, was wounded in the recent fighting between his legionnaires and General Cavaglia's regular troops was received here today. No details were given.

BIG BOOZE SEIZURE.

By Associated Press.

Hartley, Wis., Dec. 28.—More than a half hundred federal prohibition agents from Chicago surprised the 35 open saloons here today, making many arrests and seizing quantities of liquors of all varieties. The federal agents were armed, but no shots were fired during the first hour's operations.

CRIME INCREASED.

By Associated Press.

Vienna, Dec. 28.—Crime in Vienna has increased fivefold this year, Police President Schöner has just told the Vienna Trade Association. He added that every case of serious crime had been successfully prosecuted and attributed this to the co-operation of the judges and to 49 physicians attached to the police staff.

POOR OF MADRID.

By Associated Press.

Madrid, Dec. 28.—The poor of this city have been greatly distressed by an order of the government against the operation of illegal pawnshops. Thousands of the workers rely upon pawnshops to tide them over a period of unemployment. Heretofore, they have had recourse to the Mont de Piété, the official pawnshop, which was established to loan small amounts to the needy poor at a low rate of interest on security of pledged articles. Now, however, it has been turned into a haven of refuge for extravagant folk who pawn their jewels at high rates of interest.

The poorer people were thus driven away and compelled to resort to numerous small shops where they could borrow under the pretense of selling their valuables but with the tacit understanding that the shopkeeper would allow them to redeem their goods at a heavy rate of interest.

The Minister of the Interior has stopped this by issuing a royal order forbidding such transactions. In consequence, the poor people are unable to recover their goods from the shopkeepers. Public-spirited Spaniards are talking steps to induce the government to restore the Mont de Piété to its original purpose and make it cater to the poor.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants State Bank and Trust Company of Laredo, Texas, will be held in the banking rooms of said institution on the second Tuesday in January, 1921, being the 11th day of the month, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it.

D. M. VALDEZ, Secretary. 12-28-20.

By Associated Press.

Marion, Dec. 28.—Senator Porter McCumber of North Dakota, the only Republican member of the senate who voted for ratification of the Versailles treaty and the league of nations without reservations, today advised President-elect Harding to go ahead with his preparations for the formation of an association of nations independent of the league, as he considered the league so far as the United States is concerned.

MRS. MACSWINEY TO LEAVE ON SATURDAY

WIDOW OF LATE LORD MAYOR WILL RETURN TO IRELAND AFTER TESTIFYING.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Muriel Macswiney, widow of the late lord mayor of Cork, who died of starvation in an English prison, will sail for home next Saturday after testifying in Washington before the Committee on One Hundred investigating conditions in Ireland. This announcement was made today by the United States Mail Steamship company, on whose ship Mrs. Macswiney has booked accommodations.

FUGITIVE BALLOON LANDED NEAR LAKE

REPORTED NAVAL BALLOON WHICH WAS LOST DESCENDED IN WILDS OF CANADA.

By Associated Press.

Ottawa, Canada, Dec. 28.—The missing United States navy balloon which drifted away from the Rockaway naval air station at New York December 15 and was swallowed by the forest of the Northwest after being last sighted at Wells, New York, is believed to have descended near Lake Umbagog, 250 miles north-east of New York, according to reports here. Three naval officers were with the lost craft.

OFFICERS HUNTING FOR BOLD BANDITS

ROBBED BANK MESSENGER OF TEN THOUSAND AND ESCAPED IN AN ANTO-MOBILE.

By Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 28.—Fort Worth officers joined in the hunt today for two armed bandits who robbed Bank Messenger J. L. Howell of \$10,000 cash near Leeroy early yesterday, escaping in an automobile. The last clue to the robbers was obtained north of Leeroy. At that time they were proceeding toward Breckenridge. The dirt and steam roads from the oil fields to Fort Worth are being guarded.

Convicts Surrounded.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 28.—Reports today were that half a dozen of the ten escaped convicts still at large following a jail delivery Sunday night were surrounded this morning in an island in the Arkansas river near Pasteria. A posse of guards from the state farm and deputy sheriffs is preparing to cross to the island in an attempt to capture them.

Buried This Morning.

The remains of Raymundo Vazquez, who died in Blackwell's Island hospital, New York, of pneumonia, were laid to rest this morning in the Catholic cemetery here. The funeral took place from the residence of the parson, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Vazquez, on Macetezuma street, with services at San Augustin church. The following officiated at pallbearers, Virgilio C. Guerra, Jose E. Ramon, Guillermo Garcia, Ricardo Reyna, Valentin Rivera and Luis Avila.

ANOTHER STRIKE IS DECLARED IMMINENT

HARBOR WORKERS OF NEW YORK DEMAND ADJUSTMENT UNDER THREAT OF STRIKE.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 28.—Officers of the New York Towboat Exchange and Harbor Workers Union leaders today predicted a harbor strike affecting several thousand men the first of January unless an agreement is reached to avert it. The chief disagreement is over the working hours.

OPPOSES EXEMPTION.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 28.—A constitutional amendment to prevent the issuance of any tax-exempt securities by the federal government, the states or any county or municipality was proposed in the house today by Chairman McFadden of the banking committee.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

By Associated Press.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 28.—Votes for Brazilian women over 21 years of age who are able to read and write is the subject of an amendment just presented in the Chamber of Deputies to an electoral revision measure now before that house. The amendment provides that when it is deemed convenient women so eligible may be included in the list of voters.

EXHUMING BODIES.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Exhumation of the bodies of the American soldiers buried at Bony cemetery, all men of the 27th (New York National Guard) and 30th (Albany, from Tennessee and North and South Carolina) divisions began today. Of 1,777 bodies in the cemetery about 900 will be returned to the United States and the remainder will not be disturbed. Bony is to be one of the four permanent cemeteries in France, and other bodies will be moved into the cemetery, but this work will not start until the work of sending bodies to America has been completed.

It is the first big battlefield cemetery to be reached by the Army exhumation units. The district is so devastated that there is no shelter for the workers and a train had to be provided to make quarters for them. The winter weather has also set in and movable sheds had to be built to shelter the men while working.

ASKING RELIEF.

By Associated Press.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.—American commercial bodies here and American commercial interests generally in China are engaged in a campaign to induce the United States Congress to pass a law relieving them from the payment of income tax to the United States Treasury.

The bodies appealed to legislators and members of commercial bodies in the United States to aid them in urging about the passage by Congress of a federal incorporation act for American companies in China which is expected to come before Congress in December.

The American business men here have claimed that they are at a disadvantage owing to the fact that the British doing business in China are exempt from payment of an income tax. The Shanghai Chamber of Commerce has sent representatives to Washington to present data to members of Congress in support of their appeal.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight and Wednesday fair; rising temperature.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Port McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 57 degs.

Min. temp. 27 degs.

General direction of wind: North.

Clear.

PHONE 817

LOCAL NEWS

The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo this morning: Three carloads of lead and one carload of bones.

Public stenographer, Hamilton Hotel. Ask for Mrs. Bragg.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Victor Nava and Miss Isabel Soto, Dionicio Bazaldua and Miss Maria de los Angeles Chapa.

Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348.

The three movie shows of Laredo had excellent programs on for their Christmas patrons—three of the best feature productions shown in Laredo for some time past. And all three shows were packed to their full capacities on both Christmas and Sunday.

THE MCGEE TOMATO makes 1200 bushels per acre and I only have the pure pedigree seed. Please write or full information. M. C. McGee, San Marcos, Texas.

The postoffice and express company forces had their hands full on Christmas eve and Christmas morning the thousands of Christmas packages. Besides the innumerable packages that came by parcels post, the post-office force was kept busy with the unusually heavy number of letters and postcards that poured in on every train.

If you need a plumber in a hurry Phone 1203 Juarez Plumbing. 3-29-17

Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-17

Many Laredoans went abroad for Christmas—to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico,—on pleasure trips. Those who had autos went sight-seeing in a foreign land at very little expense, merely that of bridge fare. Such is the luck of those living just across the line from a foreign land.

We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Canto, Phone 202. 6-16-17

NEW YEARS FOOTBALL.

By Associated Press. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Ohio State University's football team, which plays the University of California eleven at Pasadena, Cal., New Year's day, while famed as a last minute finisher and a great forward passing aggregation, also has plenty of defensive strength and ability to present a straight football offensive in which line plunges and off tackle dashes predominate.

The straight football attack centers around Pete Stinchcomb, All Western Conference halfback who bucks the line despite his weight of only 155 pounds, or circles the ends for long gains. Stinchcomb was called the "dodging line plunger" in the Western Conference, for, while a heavier man would plow into the line, he goes in sideways and twists through.

Next to Stinchcomb, Willaman, the 205 pound fullback, probably is the greatest aid to his team's straight football offensive. Willaman was hurt in one of the early games and missed several of the championship contests. Opposition coaches concede that with Willaman in the lineup Ohio State would not have had so many close calls. Willaman is a powerful line plunger. In addition he is rangy on the defensive.

Hoge Workman, at quarter, is the best forward passer in the middle west and an excellent kicker. His punts average 50 yards and he is a dependable goal kicker. The Ohio State aerial attack centers around Workman.

Blair and Henderson, who alternate at the other half back position, while not as strong offensively as Stinchcomb, form splendid interference. On many plays Stinchcomb trades positions with them, so that they do not carry the ball nearly so much as does Stinchcomb. Both are good on the defense.

At end Myers is a dependable tackler and a sure receiver of passes. On the other end, Slyker and Noel Workman alternate and both have shown themselves steady players. Workman is adept at receiving his brother's forward passes and Slyker, while not so good at this angle of the game, excels in general defensive work.

Captain Huffman, a tackle, is a power at opening holes or blocking plunges. A hard working, steady player, he ranges from one side of the line to the other on the defense so that he gets in every play. Splatters, at the other tackle, proves a good running mate for the team's captain while Trott and J. Taylor, the guards, are able to give the tackles any help they may need for Nemeck at center needs assistance from no one.

Coach Wilce also has a good array of substitutes, C. Taylor, particularly, being virtually of varsity caliber. C. Taylor took Willaman's place at fullback when the latter was hurt, and while not quite the equal of Willaman, he held down the position with credit.

Prizes for prompt and uncomplicated payment of taxes are offered by the Japanese Government and range from fifty cents to twenty-five dollars.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 27.
William Chanler Bagley, mentioned to succeed Dr. John H. Finley as Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, has long been a prominent figure in the educational world. He is a native of Michigan, and was graduated from the State agricultural college. Then he specialized in educational topics at the University of Wisconsin and at Cornell University, and went out to teach. It was not long before he had important normal school administrative positions in New York State; and it was while in charge of the training department of the large State normal school at Oswego that he was called to the University of Illinois to become director of its school of education. Since 1917 he has been professor of education at Teachers College, Columbia University. Dr. Bagley has done much writing for his profession, and has been editor of several well-known education periodicals.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Today is Boxing Day, one of the merriest holidays of the year for all Britons.

The American Economics Association meets in annual session today at Atlantic City.

Chicago is to be the meeting place today of the mid-winter convention of the American Library Association.

The Pi Tau Pi Fraternity, the largest Jewish secret society of its kind in the world, gathered its eighth annual convention in Cincinnati today.

Delegates from fifty colleges and universities of the United States and Canada are to meet at the University of Michigan today for the annual convention of the Condra Fraternitas Association.

More than 1000 prominent scientists members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and its many affiliated scientific societies, will gather in Chicago today for the association's annual meeting, which will occupy the entire week.

Many learned and educational societies are to be entertained in annual session in Washington during the week beginning today. Among them are the American Historical Association, American Political Science Association, American Sociological Society, American Catholic Historical Association, Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and the Agricultural History Society.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

DECEMBER 27.

Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of Staff of the United States Army, born at Easton, Pa., 56 years ago today.

M. Jannart, French statesman and colonial administrator, several times mentioned for the presidency, born 63 years ago today.

William D. Lighthall, founder of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, born at Hamilton, Ont., 63 years ago today.

President John M. Thomas of Middlebury College, who served as an army chaplain in the late war, born at Covington, N. Y., 51 years ago today.

Brig. Gen. William H. Bixby, U. S. A., retired, former chief of army engineers, born at Charleston, Mass., 71 years ago today.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

1831—Lucius Fairchild, governor of Wisconsin 1866-72, born at Kent, Ohio. Died at Madison, Wis., May 23, 1896.

1845—Judah Dana, former United States senator, died at Fryeburg, Me. Born at Pomfret, Conn., April 25, 1772.

1853—The mammoth clipper Great Republic was burned at her wharf in New York city.

1860—Ralph Farnham, the last survivor of the battle of Bunker Hill, died at Acton, N. H., in his 106th year.

1862—Gen. Sherman, aided by Admiral Porter, began an assault on Vicksburg from the north.

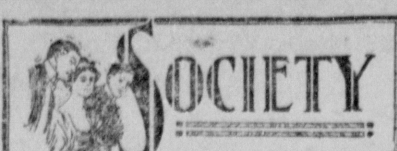
1882—Austria celebrated the 600th anniversary of the establishment of the house of Hapsburg.

1893—A committee of the United States senate began an investigation of President Cleveland's Hawaiian policy.

1907—Queen Alexandra gave a Christmas dinner to the widows and orphans of soldiers killed in the South African war.

Camberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite.

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and effective cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of young children for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief and is free from opium and other harmful drugs.



SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

The operetta "The Toyshop" will be given at the Strand Theater in the evening.

Christmas Party at Woman's Club for Christ Church Sunday School in the evening.

Tuesday.

Miss Kathleen Heaner will entertain with a Christmas party at 8 o'clock in the evening complimenting a number of friends in honor of her brother, Ernest Heaner.

The Revellers will entertain with a dance at Elks Hall at 8:30 in the evening.

General Mention.

Mrs. Geoffrey James Gies returned Friday morning from San Antonio where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John A. James for several days.

Mr. Ed. Moser of San Antonio is in the city visiting relatives.

Miss Evelyn Moore returned home on Friday from Austin to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Boston and baby of San Antonio arrived in the city on Friday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Woodul and family.

James Richter, who is attending school at the Washington and Lee University, is in the city for the holidays.

Mr. J. A. MacDonald arrived in the city on Friday afternoon from Mercedes, to spend the holidays with his family.

Mr. J. D. Merriman went to San Antonio on Saturday night to spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hauser and family and will return today.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Bafrow are expected home today from San Antonio where they spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Stanley Hauser.

Mr. Charles Ernst of Poteet, who has been spending Christmas with his children, expects to return to Poteet today.

Prof. and Mrs. F. W. Mally are expected back today from Crystal City where they spent the week-end.

Miss Elsie Strain has returned from Dilley after spending Christmas with friends there.

Alejandro Marulanda left Saturday for Corpus Christi to visit relatives.

Christening.

Loceta Marguerite, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yeager, was christened in St. Peter's church yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, the sponsors were: Mr. and Mrs. Justo S. Penn.

Entertainment.

Misses Lucille and Ruth Murphy entertained Thursday evening with a beautifully appointed bridge and dancing party at their handsome home on Houston street, complimenting Mr. and Mrs. George B. Murphy of Brownsville. The spacious rooms were decorated in the Christmas motif, holly and mistletoe. In the parlor and living room were silver baskets holding red carnations and trailing ferns, while in the dining room were tall silver vases holding poinsettias shadowed by the rosy glow of red tapers burning in silver candelabra. After a series of games of bridge, the ladies' high score prize, a bottle of perfume, was awarded to Mrs. Jas. A. Wilson, and the gentlemen's prize, a silver pencil, was awarded to Dr. Garlick. After the games a delicious salad course was served, followed by punch which was served throughout the dancing. Those who enjoyed the gracious hospitality were: The honorees, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Seymour Denike, Mr. and Mrs. Paulus, Dr. and Mrs. Klee; Mesdames Mabel Cogley Barlow, Sue Smith, Jas. A. Wilson; Misses Maria Mowry, Ethel Mackin, Helen and Margaret MacGregor and Courtney Slaughter; Messrs. Prinz Butron, Jack Lobdell, Dr. Garlick, Lieutenant Glazecock, Harris, John and Alfred Murphy. The Misses Murphy were graciously assisted in entertaining by their mother, Mrs. J. T. Murphy.

Story Book People.

The Little Page Minnie Martin.
Cinderella Anna May Duggan.
Red Riding Hood Lamar Benavides.
Jack Horner Josephine Dalches.
Miss Muffet Elizabeth Bryan.
Bo-Peep Hattie May Bryan.
Snow-White Lois Derby.

The Dwarf Kathleen Alrich.
Little Boy-Blue Margaret Ward.
Sleeping Beauty Marjorie Fish.
Prince Charming Martha Anderson.
Contrary Mary Rosalie Biggio.
Her Flowers, Pansy Tassie Vidaur.
Rose Ruth Cooper.
Poppy Agnes Garcia.
Daisy Lily Withoff.
The Witch Margaret Ward.

Up on the Housetop, by 3 girls 6th Grade.
Christmas Packages, by 3 girls 4th Grade.
Old Santa Claus, by 4 girls and 1 boy 6th Grade.

Star Spangled Banner School.
The program was followed by the distribution of gifts to the pupils by the Primer and Chart Grades. The Christmas tree was beautifully lighted by fancy globes, the gift of Mrs. Fritz Werner. Fritz Werner represented Santa Claus and played his part very well. Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn and Mary Besse MacDonald were the accompanists of the afternoon. The teachers and pupils regretted the absence of their principal, Miss Julia Schultz, who has been ill for the past two weeks. She sent the season's greetings to the teachers and pupils.

Community Christmas.

Following is the program of the Community Christmas entertainment to be given at the Strand this evening by the International Institute and the pupils of Mrs. A. C. Hamilton:

PART I.

Christmas Greetings From Many Lands.

I. Carols.—
Noel.—Old French Carol.
Holy Night.—German Christmas Song.

Manuela Campos, Maria Diaz; Santos Buenrostra, Margarita Cantu; Francisca Lozano, Juanita Serrano, Petra Carrillo, Lilia Peña, Luz Castillo, Maria Lozano.

II. Bean Porridge Hot.—Old English dance.
Bleking.—Swedish Folk Dance.

Helen Bugnole, Sara Leal, Mercedes Burgess, Lupe Delgado.

III. Pierrot and Pierrette.
Rosalie Biggio, Agnes Garcia.

IV. Jarabe Tapatio.
Carmen Garcia, and Rebecca Garcia.

PART II.

"THE TOY SHOP."
A Playlet in One Act.
Cast of Characters.

Fairy Godmother Kakthleen Heaner.
Dick, a little boy Ora Lee Camp.
Jane, a little girl Madonna Sorrell.
Jeannette, a Dutch doll Consuelo Saenz.
Hans, a Dutch doll Dorothy Derby.
The Rabbit Mary Cooper.
The Teddy Bear Gladys Sauvignat.
Jack-in-the-Box Margarita Canseco.
Pierrot, a clown doll Mildred Leyendecker.
Flossie, a mechanical doll Irene Leyendecker.
Ching-Loo, an Imperial Chinese doll Josephine Leyendecker.
Loo-San, an Imperial Chinese doll Mildred Anderson.
Woo, a Chinese doll Antonia Vallis.
Ming, a Chinese doll Eugenia Copeland.
June, a Chinese doll Charlotte idauri.
Chinese Doll Angelina aFrias.
Louis, a tin soldier Anna May Mussett.
Gaston, a tin soldier Odette Bunn.
Dardanelia, a Turkish doll Merceil Lake.

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County Attorney Elect, Who is Also Mrs. Hamon's Attorney, Says it is Almost Impossible to Docket the Case Until After Change in County Officials Occurs First Monday in January.

SECY. HOUSTON DON'T FAVOR THE MEASURE

SAYS SOLDIER BONUS WILL COST OVER TWO BILLIONS AND HAS NOT THE CASH.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 27.—Passage of the soldier bonus bill would cost the government approximately \$2,300,000,000, Secretary Houston estimated today before the senate finance committee considering the soldiers aid measure. The secretary of the treasury declared that the enactment of the bill meant added burdens which the treasury ought not to be called upon to assume.

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SUSPENDED SCHEDULES.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 27.—The interstate commerce commission today suspended from January 24 until May 24 the operation of certain schedules increasing rates on manufactured iron and steel articles in carload lots from Houston and Galveston, Texas, to points in Louisiana.

MAGYAR EXODUS.

By Associated Press. Budapest, Dec. 21.—So many thousands of Magyar families and former government officials are pouring in to smaller Hungary from lost provinces of Hungary that the government is making every effort to stop it.

Count Paul Teleki, Hungarian Premier, has sent a message to the people of these provinces now annexed to Yugoslavia, Rumania or Czechoslovakia, saying: "Stick to your post like the Roman sentry and if necessary take the oath of allegiance."

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TIMES WANT ADS.

Money Makers

By Associated Press. Wilson, Okla., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, at liberty under a \$12,000 bond on the charge of murder in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon, is spending the day with relatives here. She says she intends to remain here for several days. James H. Mathers, county attorney-elect and one of Mrs. Hamon's attorneys, said because of the change in county officials the first Monday in January it is almost impossible to frame the docket of the January term of the district court until that time. He says it has been suggested by W. P. McLean, also an attorney for Mrs. Hamon, that docketing of the case be postponed until after January 1.

KILLED IN STREET.

By Associated Press. Corsicana, Texas, Dec. 27.—T. K. Lindsay was shot and instantly killed on the streets here today. Bud McKee, a farmer, voluntarily surrendered.

LITTLE ROCK GROWING.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 27.—The negro population of Little Rock, Arkansas, is 17,474, an increase of 2,935, or 20.2 per cent, according to an announcement today. The white population is 47,658, an increase of 16,273, or 51.3 per cent.

WANTED HER TRAIN.

By Associated Press. Budapest, Dec. 27.—The exigency of a commuter desiring to catch the last train for a suburb compelled Othello and Dalmatian volunteers at Zara, a port south of Fiume on the Dalmatian coast, have surrendered to Italian regulars after failing in the attempt to capture the Italian warship *Marconi*, the first tragic actress of this drama. The volunteers captured a vessel but the crew resisted and seized 27 of the legionnaires, landing them at an Italian port on the western side of the Adriatic, says a Havas despatch.

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Coffee is one of the latest commodities to decrease in the wholesale price. The decline, however, cannot be noticed at all in retail sales. Ordinary red wine now sells for 1.30 francs a litre, or about a quart. This is the "vin rouge ordinaire" which American soldiers used to buy at two francs per litre.

Sugar which sold as high as 5.50 francs a kilo now can be obtained at 3.75. The Vice-President of the French Grocers' Union explains that the fall is due to the decrease in the price of sugar in America and the report that Cuban wholesalers are prepared to export 200,000 tons to Europe.

Shoes also went down following a marked decrease in the price of raw hides. Raw cotton, wool and silks are among the articles, price of which has dropped.

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ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

DECEMBER 27.
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INCORRIGIBLE BOY REPEATED OFFENSE

PAROLED FOR CHRISTMAS, HE ENTERED PAT NEFF'S OFFICE AND ROBBED THE DESK.

By Associated Press. Waco, Texas, Dec. 27.—A boy 15 years old was arrested here today for burglarizing the law office of Governor-elect Pat Neff Sunday. He broke open Mr. Neff's desk and filled his pockets with gold pens and other things, including a Knights of Pythias badge. Everything has been recovered. The boy had been released on probation two days before Christmas.

MEN IN UNIFORM IN MOB SAID THE JUDGE

SPECIAL GRAND JURY PROBES LYNCHING OF WHITE MAN IN FORT WORTH LAST WEEK.

By Associated Press. Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 27.—Hearing of evidence in the inquiry into last week's lynching was begun here today by a special term grand jury. "Men in uniform," said District Judge Hoseny in his charge to the jurors, "probably will be connected with this lynching." Tom Vickery, a white man who was taken from jail at midnight and hanged to a tree, was accused of killing Patrolman Jeff Couch. Among the witnesses summoned today were members of the city police and detective departments.

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From Tuesday's Daily.

AN INCORRIGIBLE.

Sometimes it seems that mercy is misapplied and one of the cases has come to light at this Christmas time when all the world feels like giving everyone another chance.

A fifteen-year old boy was convicted of theft in Waco and then was paroled for Christmas, in the hope that he might do better in future, the judge apparently having sympathy for those who are shut up at a time when others are not only enjoying their liberty but are the recipients of gifts and other Christmas cheer.

But this particular boy seems to have been incorrigible. Thankless for the mercy that was shown him, he entered an office and robbed a desk, being captured with the booty in his possession.

When the suspended sentence act was made law in Texas, there were many who hoped it would have a good effect upon those who were thus given mercy instead of bare justice.

Some have shown that they were appreciative of the mercy shown them, while others have been contemptuous of the favor shown them and have returned to the life of crime from which a term in prison would have separated them, for a time, at least.

One trouble is that the acts of those who refuse to profit by the suspended sentence bring suffering upon others, for some are disposed to forego leniency in the future when they see how mistaken it was in some cases.

It seems disheartening that some boys are so incorrigible that they refuse to respond to the elevating influences surrounding them. Mistaking mercy for weakness, they show their contempt for the law, as well as the instruments of the law, by continuing in the career of crime from which the judge and jury sought to turn them by giving them another chance to go straight.

No doubt this boy in Waco will be given a term in which he can meditate upon the serious mistake he made in refusing the chance offered him. Not content with escaping a term of imprisonment by the mercy of the judge, he decided that the crooked path was preferable to any other, and he deliberately walked therein.

It is hoped that the merciful judge who wished to give this erring boy another chance will not be deterred from showing mercy to others by the deliberate wilfulness of one incorrigible.

We are told that the quality of mercy is not forced; that it falls like the rain from above, and that it blesteth him that gives more than him that takes.

Above all this is the season of mercy, in the Name of the Babe of Bethlehem who brought mercy with the other blessings He gave to the world. It is for this reason that many executives pardon those who have shown a desire to do better, and that many men who otherwise would be shut out from the blessed light of the sun are permitted to return to their families with the gift of freedom at their greatest gift.

It is inexcusable why some boys—and men—continue to live a life of lawlessness after being given a turn in the right direction. In most cases it is pure wilfulness, a desire to be obstinate and contrary, a determination to oppose the wishes and the advice of those who are laboring for the good of others.

The mistaken notion that the courts are for the purpose of inflicting punishment still obtains. The fact that the correction of evil is the greatest function that they have is lost sight of by those who believe that a judge's sentence is merely the expression of his own desire to torture or to punish.

There is a kink in the brains of some who, like this boy in Waco, refuse the helping hand and thrust back the offer of guidance in the right direction.

THEIR REWARD.

A noted writer once said that "republics are ungrateful," but it is a question if our country has not treated its returned soldiers better than some of the monarchies that were engaged in the recent war.

Italy is resorting to wholesale emigration, state-aided and patronized. England still has over a million of her former service men either unemployed or at best only in temporary employment. Germany has done even less for her former soldiers, and in Austria the soldier as well as the officer is an object of suspicion.

We have not yet settled the question of compensation for service rendered, and it is doubtful if we shall ever decide upon the plan of a bonus that was at first proposed and which is still finding favor among the office-holders who are looking for soldier votes in the future.

But a great proportion of our soldiers went back to the jobs they had left when they entered the service. Others have found other work which they find more suitable, and there are many who have risen to positions they never hoped to secure, through the knowledge and the self-confidence they gained during their period of service.

One trouble with a few of the men is that they are no longer satisfied with the sort of work they were doing prior to their war service. They want better positions, different em-

ployment, a recognition of the capability they have demonstrated. In short, they are filled with the "noble discontent" which we are told is the foundation for all advancement, and they aspire to higher and better things.

Our government is doing a great deal to fit this latter class for the sort of work they want to do. The vocational schools are already filled to capacity, and others will no doubt be created for the training of many thousands more.

No other government did so much during the war. There were many thousands who were absolutely illiterate, not merely ignorant of the English language. These men were given the rudiments of an education, were taught to read and write and speak English, were taught primary arithmetic and were given an insight into other matters of which they were totally ignorant.

The education of many of these men was the first they had ever been given an opportunity to get. Their brains were not torpid, but dormant. Their labor kept them from gaining an education, and their clannish instincts, bred of centuries of oppression, kept them from rubbing shoulders with the rest of their fellow-citizens.

To talk of an indiscriminate gift of money to all who served during the world war is to attempt to pauperize and debase the millions of young men who gave their service to their country without a thought of return. It is an insult to the manhood and the independence of the men who feel that they are as good as any monarch on earth.

Those who have lacked opportunities in youth for proper training in efficiency, for acquiring a handicraft or a trade, or a profession, are the ones who should be aided by the government which they aided in maintaining.

Those who find themselves without employment should be given every possible aid in securing work, and they should have the first chance at any job all other things being equal.

Those who want to advance should be given a helping hand, and the vocational schools would be the best means toward this end. The man who has an ambition to rise above his surroundings is the one who deserves the chance, and when in addition he has rendered military service in time of war, he has an increased claim.

Above all, those who were incapacitated, either wholly or in part, by reason of their service, should have every needed aid.

ALFONSO PLEASED.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 28.—King Alfonso of Spain and his Queen, formerly princess Ena of Battenberg, England, were the objects of much attention and popular favor during their two weeks stay in London, just ended.

Alfonso's beaming smile became as famous as his big blue car, and his consort's magnificent gowns and furs were the envy of crowds of women who daily besieged the hotel on Piccadilly where the royal couple stayed.

Their second son, Prince Jaime, is remaining in England for a time to continue a treatment for his ear trouble which is understood to be well on the way to a permanent cure.

Besides being very largely entertained by their cousins of England, the Spanish royalties attended a great many private society functions, which both appeared to enjoy. Alfonso took care to take a few private dancing lessons to keep up with the latest steps.

Their purchases made here are said to be enormous. Alfonso bought two automobiles and the Queen four hunters, besides a great quantity of toys and miscellaneous articles for the royal nursery in Madrid.

The Spanish king is very anxious to bring the English polo teams that will meet American next summer to Madrid for practice this winter. It may be recalled that Lord Wimborne's team spent some time in Spain before going to America in 1914 for the Cup matches.

It is also intent upon developing many beautiful spots on the Spanish coast as pleasure resorts. "I don't see why the Riviera should not be outvalued," he is reported to have said.

One of the incidents told here of the royal couple is that the Queen recently asked her husband if he thought the fashionable evening gowns designed for youthful silhouettes were in keeping with her age and her dignity as mother of six children.

"I think," said Alfonso, "that the matter is worthy of reflection." A few days later a large case was delivered, addressed to the Queen. It contained half a dozen gowns straight from Paris, all cut in the manner that had aroused her hesitation.

GOVERNMENT SALE.

D. L. 41CC. On December 29, 1920, at 10 a. m., in front of the federal building in Laredo, Texas, I will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder one Buick roadster automobile.

J. A. HERRING, U. S. Marshal, Sou. Dist. of Texas. By ALLEN WALKER, Deputy.

NOTICE OF SALE.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Webb. In the District Court of Webb County, Texas, Manuela Sanchez de Sanchez et al. plaintiffs, vs. Felix G. Sanchez et al. defendants.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Webb County, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1920, in Cause No. 5262 on the Docket of said Court, ordering the sale of the property hereinafter described, as under execution, I did on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1920, at 10 o'clock A. M. levy upon the following described tracts of parcels of land situated in the County of Webb and State of Texas, and belonging to Manuela Sanchez de Sanchez, Jose Ma. Sanchez, Refugio Gutierrez, Felix G. Sanchez, Julian Sanchez, Anastacio G. Sanchez, Rafaela Sanchez de Lozano, Jesusita Sanchez, Jose Sanchez, Guadalupe Sanchez de Garcia and Teresa Sanchez de Cantu, viz:

Lots Numbers Three (3), Four (4), Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block Number Three Hundred and Fifty (350), situated and being in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

Two Hundred and Fifty (250) acres of land in Webb County, Texas, the same being a part of Parcel Number Thirty-one (31), Abstract No. 3116, Jose Treviño, Original Grantee, and particularly known as the Eugenio V. Sanchez part of said parcel.

And on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1921, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Manuela Sanchez de Sanchez, Viviana Sanchez de Sanchez, Jose Maria Sanchez, Refugio Gutierrez, Felix G. Sanchez, Julian Sanchez, Anastacio G. Sanchez, Rafaela Sanchez de Lozano, Jesusita Sanchez, Jose Sanchez, Guadalupe Sanchez de Garcia and Teresa Sanchez de Cantu in and to said property.

Dated at Laredo, Texas, this 10th day of December, A. D. 1920, ANTONIO SALINAS, Sheriff of Webb County, Texas. By F. H. Ligarde, Deputy.

ANOTHER PIONEER RESIDENT SUCCUMBED IN SAN ANTONIO

Mrs. Anne E. Hicks, Mother of Hon. Marshall Hicks, Passed Away Last Night at Age of 87 Years

Another of the pioneer residents of Texas passed to her eternal rest last night when Mrs. Anne E. Hicks, a native of Virginia, aged 87 years, and mother of Hon. Marshall Hicks, died at her home, 815 Main Avenue, in San Antonio, at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Hicks, with her husband, came to Texas over 60 years ago and settled in Cherokee county, where they made their home for some years. After the civil war they moved to Sikeston, La., where Mr. Hicks established the wholesale business of Hicks Co. Limited. About 30 years ago the family removed to San Antonio, where they have since resided, the husband passing away about ten years ago. Mrs. Hicks is survived by six children, viz. Dr. F. M. Hicks, Marshall Hicks and Yale Hicks of San Antonio, and Sam B. Hicks of Sikeston, La., also two daughters, Mrs. C. W. Lawrence of Longview and Mrs. Arthur Gray Jones of San Antonio, all of whom have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in their sad loss. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock from the home to the Presbyterian church in San Antonio. Several Laredo friends, including Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bobbitt and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. DeWolf, will leave here tonight to attend the funeral.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of The First State Bank & Trust Company of Laredo, will be held in the banking rooms of said institution, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1921, at 3 p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it.

L. A. LAFON, Secretary.

AFTER FIVE YEARS.

Laredo Testimony Remains Unshaken.

Time is the best test of truth. Here is a Laredo story that has stood the test of time. It is a story with a point which will come straight home to many of us.

W. S. Durborrow, 1919 Farragut St., Laredo, gave the following statement May 20, 1915: "I have had occasional pains through my back and it would hurt me to stoop over. The trouble, I think, has been brought on by catching cold. I have been unable to sit in one position for any length of time without pain. When I have had one of these attacks, Doan's Kidney Pills have never failed to remove it. I have usually procured this medicine at the Ideal Drug Store."

On April 28th, 1919, Mr. Durborrow added: "Doan's Kidney Pills have done me a world of good. I have not occasion to use them in a year now, for my back has given me no trouble at all. I will recommend this medicine at any time."

60c. at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

PETTY THIEVING IN PROGRESS AND ALSO SOME BURGLARIES

One Home Robbed Two Nights in Succession and Three Other Homes Were Entered on Sunday.

Petty thieving is in progress in Laredo at this time and it behooves citizens generally to be careful and not let doors and windows open when they go to shops or other places at night or they may return and find that their homes had been entered during their absence and numerous articles stolen.

During Sunday and Monday night the home of Frank C. Nye was entered two nights in succession and articles stolen therefrom, and a man in an army uniform was captured last night near the gate of the post and articles of clothing in his possession are said to have been taken from the Nye home. Other homes robbed on Sunday were those of Mrs. J. T. Murphy, Luis Tejada and A. A. Myers, when various articles were taken by the "visitors."

HUSTLING AGENTS OF "SAP" VISITORS IN LAREDO TODAY

Allan K. Ragsdale and Ben M. Sheldon Were Here Today in Interest of New Pullman Service.

Allan K. Ragsdale, traveling passenger agent, and Ben M. Sheldon, service agent of the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Ry. Co., with headquarters at San Antonio, arrived in Laredo yesterday afternoon and left this morning for Corpus Christi. They were here in the interest of a through Pullman service which has been established over the Sap between Houston, San Antonio and Laredo and making connections via the I. & G. N. with Mexico trains.

Both Messrs. Ragsdale and Sheldon are well and favorably known to hundreds of Laredo people, Mr. Ragsdale being president of the Texas Epworth League which established their annual encampment at Corpus Christi and Mr. Sheldon formerly serving as postmaster and later as mayor of his old home town of Rockport. Both met a number of old friends while in Laredo today.

INTEREST IN CACTUS WELL AS THE OIL IS NEAR AT HAND

COMPANY IS CASING IN PREPARATION FOR BRINGING IN WELL.

Mirando Oil Co. Making Wonderful Progress on New Well; Rincon Co. Awaiting Arrival of Outfits.

During the past few months there have been no sensational developments in drilling operations for oil in the Laredo section, and while some of the concerns that were well down in holes on their sites have suspended operations and may not resume, there are others that are at work and expect soon to bring in a well that will prove Laredo to be in oil-producing territory. One of the first companies to start drilling in Webb county, the Cactus Oil Co., which has been at work on their site in the Callahan Spur, is now down to a depth of 1,382 feet and is setting casing at that depth, as they expect to encounter a strong flow of oil at about 1,470 feet, according to information given out from a most reliable source. This company has been continually at work drilling and overcoming obstacles encountered in the way of accidents, and while they have been reticent as to what is in sight in their hole, the information was given out today that oil is very near at hand and a big well will be brought in within the next hundred feet and to be prepared to save the well the casing is being set now.

Another oil drilling concern that is pushing its operations and making no noise about what they are doing or sending out exaggerating reports to excite people is the Mirando Oil Co., which some months ago abandoned one hole and started on their new hole in the northeast corner of Zapata county just over the Webb county line on November 15. Wonderful progress in drilling in this new hole has been made, as during the five weeks that the drillers have been at work they had attained a depth of 1,335 feet up to Christmas eve, when they stopped work for the holidays and resumed drilling operations yesterday. This company is expecting to bring in a good oil well at less than 2,000 feet.

The two standard drilling rigs of the Rincon Petroleum Co. of California, which will put down wells immediately after arrival of the outfits on leases east and north of Laredo, will arrive here during January and work on their two wells will be pushed forward as fast as possible. Great activity in drilling operations will soon be on in the Laredo section generally.

COMPANY OF U. S. ENGINEERS HERE ENROUTE SAMFORDYCE

Co. C, 9th U. S. Engineers Arrive on Way to Samfordyce, to Which Place Assigned for Station.

Company C, Ninth United States Engineers, composed of about 65 men in command of Captain Simpkins, arrived at Fort McIntosh on Christmas day from Fort Sam Houston en route to Samfordyce, near Rio Grande City, for which place they expect to leave tomorrow morning.

This company of engineers, which is making the overland trip to the lower Rio Grande valley, have been detailed for station at Samfordyce, but the nature of the work they have in hand was not announced.

"The North Wind's Malice."

In "The North Wind's Malice," which comes to the Royal Theatre, for two days, commencing Friday, Rex Beach has written a stirring drama of the frozen north around a novel set of characters, that afford unusual acting opportunities. He also employs an allegorical figure called "The Spirit of Malice," which is very effective. The two outstanding figures among the men are played by Joe King and Tom Santchi. Both are in love with Lois Folsom, played by Jane Thomas. When the story opens, Lois is the wife of Roger Folsom (Tom Santchi). A series of incidents creates bitterness and misunderstanding and makes Roger madly jealous of Henry Carter (Joe King). In the progress of the story, through a terrific Alaskan blizzard, Lois and her husband become separated and things get interesting.

NEGROES WERE BOUND OVER CHARGED WITH THEFT HERE

Two Black Damsels and Negro Man Relieved Citizen of Some of His Possessions on Streets.

Two negro women and one negro man who were arrested here Sunday charged with having relieved Casimiro Saldivar of some of his possessions on the streets of Laredo, were given a preliminary trial yesterday afternoon before Justice of the Peace Atlee and bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$250 each, which they failed to give and are doing light housekeeping at the county jail indefinitely.

Francisco Gutierrez, arrested on a charge of violation of the liquor laws, was given a preliminary trial yesterday and bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$250, which he failed to give and is domiciled at Hotel Sallinas.

LOCAL NEWS

—Work on the sewerage system and the international footbridge goes right ahead and good progress is being on both jobs. The work on the new footbridge, while most preliminary work at present, will assume greater proportions within the next few days.

—Public stenographer, Hamilton Hotel. Ask for Mrs. Bragg.

—The delightful new comedy, "The Dangerous Paradise," featuring Louise Huff, who is supported by a strong cast, will be the feature production on the program at the Rialto Theater tomorrow and Thursday. It is a Seznick production and that is not said.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348.

—The importations through the port of Laredo from Mexico yesterday afternoon consisted of three carloads of lead and three carloads of bones, also some shipments of silver bullion which were brought across the international footbridge on carts.

—THE MCGEE TOMATO makes 1200 bushels per acre and I only have the pure pedigree seed. Please write or full information. M. C. McGee, San Marcos, Texas.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Manuel Abrego and Miss Luz Cerrato, Juan R. Robles and Miss Maria Flores, Natividad Castillo and Miss Victoria Degollado.

—If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1293 Juarez Plumbing. 3-29-tf.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf.

—Patty thieves are at work in Laredo and it behooves all residents to lock their front doors and see that windows are down and made burglar-proof if possible before going away for the evening. Generally thieves keep tab on a house and never try to enter it until after the occupants have left.

—We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202. 5-15-tf.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-2-tf.

IS ASSAULTED AND ROBBED BY MEN WEARING UNIFORMS

F. H. Earnest Called to the Door of Home, Had Pistol in His Hand, Visitors Took It and Vamoose.

Last night, according to complaint made to the police department this morning, F. H. Earnest was assaulted and robbed by two men in uniform who appeared at his home, 1904 Vi-daurri Ave., and knocked at his door.

Hearing the knock at his door Mr. Earnest secured his pearl-handled revolver, went to the door and opened it. Instantly two men standing at the door pounced upon him one twisting Mr. Earnest's arm and forcing the pistol from his grasp, then taking hold of the pistol, both men disappeared, and no trace of the missing gun had been found up to noon today.

ICE FORMED THIS MORNING AND FROST WAS PLENTIFUL

However, It is Not Believed Any Damage Will Result to Vegetation as Result of Cold Weather.

Ice formed and frost covered everything this morning as the result of the big tumble which the mercury took during last night following the arrival of the fresh norther which struck this section last evening, putting a severe chill into the air and causing the thermometer to assume a downward trend.

It was a dry freeze and it is not believed that vegetation will suffer as a result thereof, as there is very little growing at this time that can be seriously damaged by a dry cold spell. The frost, however, nipped many plants that had survived previous cold spells.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

DECEMBER 28.

Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, born at Stanton, Va., 64 years ago today.

St. John Ervine, Irish playwright and author who recently visited America born in Belfast, 37 years ago today.

Frank B. Willis, former governor and now senator-elect from Ohio, born at Lewis Center, Ohio, 49 years ago today.

Rear Admiral Benton C. Decker, U. S. N., recently named commander of the First Naval District, born at Lima, N. Y., 53 years ago today.

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A GRAVE CRISIS.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 28.—India today is faced with what is generally characterized as one of the gravest crises in its history owing to the deep and widespread unrest which has developed since the end of the war. While this discontent is the product of numerous causes, in the main it is the result of the high cost of living and the consequent hard times for the population.

The unrest has recently manifested itself in various and serious ways. There have been many great strikes in some cases accompanied by rioting and bloodshed. Organized anti-government boycotts have been instituted. Moreover, extremists have been preaching revolutionary ideas with the result that, as announced recently in Commons by Mr. Montagu, Secretary of State for India, there have been several prosecutions and convictions under the seditious meetings act.

There has been much talk in the Western world of activities by Bolshevik propaganda agents in India. Competent observers state, however, that it is doubtful whether the efforts of the Bolsheviks to stir up trouble have met with much success. In this connection it is pointed out that the printed propaganda upon which the Bolsheviks depend so much is of little value in India where the vast bulk of the population cannot read. Thus the Bolshevik ideals must be spread by word of mouth, a considerable task in a country the size of India. That the Moscovites have been busy in India, however, there is no dispute.

The main causes of the unrest may be epitomized thus:

The high cost of living, prices in some cases having advanced 1,000 per cent while incomes, especially of the brain workers, have increased only a small fraction of this.

The continuance of the war-time restrictions on the conduct of the populace whereas the government had indicated that these would be removed within six months of the termination of the war.

The desire on the part of a large section of the educated classes for a greater hand in the government than has hitherto been accorded natives.

The allegation that the government has failed to keep its war-time promises for betterment of general conditions lower class Mohammedans was compelled to bury his dead in ordinary clothing which had been worn. To the living this seems to be the limit of sacrifice and they are terrified of the hereafter. If this appears like a trivial matter to the Western mind, one has only to recall that one of the causes of the Great Mutiny in India in 1858 was that Indian soldiers were compelled to bite off the end of paper cartridges which had been dipped in the fat of cows and pigs. The cow is a sacred animal in the Hindu religion and may not be eaten, while the pig is anathema to the Mohammedans.

The high cost of living, and all other troubles which may have fallen on the Indian, are attributed by him to the government. This is due to the paternal system which the government has come to be the all-powerful thing from which come all things, both good and bad. Literally speaking, if there has been a favorable monsoon and the crops have been good, the government has always received the credit for it from the masses, who do not question but that Delhi makes the weather. Since the reverse is also true, the government is now condemned for poor crops or high prices. Thus the government, is being censured for all present conditions throughout the country.

The present "Rowlatt" regulations, which are causing so many heartburns, were passed after the war to take the place of those under which the country had been governed during the conflict. They give the government powers almost as wide as those which would obtain under martial law. It had been planned to discontinue such measures six months after hostilities ceased, but when the time arrived the government felt that the moment was not ripe for the change. Accordingly another measure of similar purport was passed and still remains in effect. This is resented bitterly by the population.

So far as the political agitation is concerned, those who know India well state that much depends on the working of the new Montagu Bill which gives the natives more say in the affairs of government and which becomes effective next year. It is said to be acceptable to a large portion of the educated thinking people of India, although it has some strenuous opponents among the extremists, who claim that it does not go far enough. Should the measure fail to work out as has been anticipated by the government the consequences may be serious, but it is said to be recognized by moderate opinion as a true step in the direction of self-government for India.

Notice.

The public is hereby warned that the firing of firearms, cannon crackers and other fire works prohibited by law will not be tolerated during the holidays and violators of this law will be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

M. BRENNAN, City Marshal.

LOCAL NEWS

The importations through the poro of Laredo from Mexico yesterday afternoon consisted of some merchandise brought by trucks over the international footbridge. There were no carload shipments yesterday.

One of the Sis Hopkins team members practicing for the game with the Rotarians on Saturday became so enthusiastic in her work of catching everything that came her way that she caught a cold. Others are at work at home practicing catching "flies" and making sacrifice hits—"beating" everything that comes along.

The cold weather, which moderated considerably during the day yesterday, came back in the same old way last night, with the result that this morning was the kind of weather that found nobody suffering from the heat.

The season of old "la grippe" is here in earnest just now, and there are quite a number of people experiencing that terrible, bad feeling that comes with an attack of this winter malady.

There are only two more days of the old year of 1920 left. On Friday at midnight the usual din will be heard throughout the land welcoming the arrival of the new-born year of 1921. Saturday you must not forget to write it "January 1, 1921." Many may forget and continue writing it "1920."

Masonic Notice.

There will be a called meeting of Laredo Lodge No. 547, A. F. & A. M., tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Work in E. A. degree. All visiting brethren are cordially invited.

R. B. LEE, W. M.

FAILURE OF FISHERIES.

By Associated Press.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 28.—Several thousand fishermen have left Newfoundland owing to the comparative failure of the colony fisheries this year and the low price received for the product. They have gone chiefly to Canada and the United States.

The total catch of herring in the season which ended in the middle of last winter was only about half the average of previous years and, because of renewed competition with Scotch, Dutch and other foreign markets due to the return of peace conditions, the value was greatly reduced. The early spring fishery for cod off the South coast and the seal fishery off the East coast were failures.

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Another factor tending to emigration is the curtailment in the iron mines, where forces of 3,000 have been reduced by one-half. Although the pulp and paper mills are making an exceptionally large cut of wood, they cannot absorb all the men seeking work from them this winter.

WIRELESS FOR BRAZIL.

By Associated Press.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 29.—Increased wireless communication with neighbor South American republics and within the vast territory into the Chamber of Deputies. It provides for the installation of high-power wireless stations in the Federal district and (by arrangement with Paraguay) in Asuncion, and at convenient points in the Brazilian states of Mato Grosso and Rio Grande do Sul.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas-Mexican.

Train No. 1 leaves for Corpus Christi at 9:55 a. m.

Train No. 2 arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:35 p. m.

International & Great Northern. Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 11:15 a. m. and arrives at 4:30 p. m.

Night Train.

Leaves at 10 p. m. and arrives at 7:30 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.

Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8:30 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:20 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 11 a. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:15 p. m.

SOCIETY

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.
Holcomb Austin will entertain with a party in the evening complimenting a number of friends.

Thursday.
Miss Rosita Applewhite will entertain with a dancing party in honor of the Saturday night Cotillion Class from 8 until 11 o'clock in the evening.

General Mention.
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Patton of Nacogdoches, Texas, are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Matthews have returned from Encinal, where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Welhausen.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Oller of San Antonio are in the city visiting Mrs. A. Thaison and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson and Mr. S. E. Jackson left yesterday morning for Okmulgee, Okla., after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bunn and family. Mrs. S. E. Jackson will remain for a longer stay.

Mrs. A. C. Hamilton expects to leave today for Beaumont, Texas, to spend a week with her parents, Judge and Mrs. Hal Greer.

Mrs. M. E. Hudson of Shreveport, La., is in the city visiting her son and family.

Miss Julia McVicar, who is at home from Austin for the holidays, expects to leave on Thursday night to resume her studies at the University.

Mrs. Hudson and daughter, Miss Mary Lee, have returned from Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Patton are spending a few days at their ranch.

J. E. Applewhite, Jr., expects to return to Arlington on Sunday night to resume his school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Gillbreath, at Fort Sam Houston and had a most delightful holiday visit. Mr. Brown returned to Laredo yesterday afternoon, but Mrs. Brown will remain for several days longer at duce. The early spring fishery for cod off the South coast and the seal fishery off the East coast were failures.

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Deutz, Maria Mowry, Amar Penn, Esther Hirsch and Dr. May Foster.

Christmas Party.
Miss Kathleen Heoner entertained last evening with a beautifully appointed Christmas party complimenting a large number of friends in honor of her brother Ernest, who is home from Houston for the holidays. The decorations were artistically carried out in the Christmas colors, red and green, predominating in the living room; garlands of red radiated from the chandelier to the four corners of the room and the piano was banked in ferns and studded with poinsettias; the fireplace held a glowing wood fire and the mantel was banked in ferns and poinsettias, while red waxen tapers in brass holders also graced the mantel. Holly wreaths tied in red bows hung from the windows and a miniature Christmas tree gave an added touch of color to the whole. The dining room was lovely in its holiday dress of green and silver; garlands of green extended from the central chandelier to the corners of the room and holly wreaths tied in crimson were hung from the windows. A beautifully decked Christmas tree graced the dining table, and pedestals holding lovely ferns were also used in decoration. The library also reflected the color notes of green; garlands of the same colors fastened to the chandelier extended to the four corners of the room. The windows were artistically laced in garlands of green, and pedestals holding baskets of white roses and chrysanthemums were placed about the room. Red Christmas bells were suspended from the doorways and baskets of ferns and bright poinsettias rested on the built-in bookcases between the living and dining room. A most enjoyable evening was passed, the time being devoted to games of various kinds and songs and a general good time was had, a delicious salad and sweet course being served during the evening. Among those present were: The honor guest and Misses Margaret Copeland, Mildred Leyendecker, Rosalee Biggio, Rosalie Wormser, Dorothy Derby, Evelyn Ryan, Odette Bunn, Mildred Anderson, Laura Taylor, Virginia Penn, Esther Penn, Willie Belle Brennan, Genevieve Camp, Ora Lee Camp, Carolyn Brennan, Minerva Gabel, Anna May Mussett, Emilie Halsey, Marjorie Lou Fish, Madonna Sorrell, Hattie May Bryan, Phyllis Bunn, Ada Johnson, Margaret Lloyd, Julia McVicar, Josephine Brewster, Alma Pierce, Katherine Tarver, Mr. and Mrs. Mertz, Edward Wright, James Wright, Richard Trout, Victor Sauvaget, Louis Paster, Elmer Rogers, Horace Greenstreet, Grandin Rogers, Lex Tarver, Dina DaCamara, Lawrence Dacamara, Lawrence Maher, Philip Moore, Norman Sorrell, Shirley DaCamara, Fred Rogers, Holcomb Austin, Ralph Matthes, Lewis Leonard, Norburn Burr, Mart Culinan, Joe Pulg, Clarence Jefferies, Bill Derby, Fred Bueh, Jack King, James Richter and St. Elmo Trout. Miss Heoner was most graciously assisted in entertaining her guests by her mother, Mrs. W. B. Heoner, and Mrs. G. C. Hlatt.

Christmas Dance.
The Revelers entertained with a most delightful dance last evening at Elks Hall, the hostesses for the evening being Mesdames T. A. Leyendecker, J. C. Martin, Mabel Barlow, R. L. Bobbitt and Hugh Cluck. The orchestra furnished a varied program of popular dance music. Gray moss, mistletoe, poinsettias and Christmas bells featured in the lovely decorations throughout the rooms. The stairway was entwined with green and poinsettias, and in the ball room the musicians were hidden by a screen of moss, studded with poinsettias. During the intermission a delicious fruit salad, sandwiches and minis were served. The table was beautifully appointed and centrally adorned with a large crystal basket filled with poinsettias and ferns; silver coffee services were presided over by Mesdames Lobdell, Barlow, T. A. Leyendecker and Seymour Denike. Those enjoying the pleasure of the gracious hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Leyendecker, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cluck, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bobbitt, Mrs. Mabel C. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. MacDonald, Mrs. G. J. Giles, Miss Esther Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Vidaurri, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schwartz of Hempstead, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lafon, Miss Sarah Vidaurri, Miss Anna May Duggan, Mr. Ernest Heaner, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shiner, Miss Elizabeth Mussett, Mr. John Mussett, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wormser, Miss Antoinette Ligard, Mr. August Wormser, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Muller, Miss Olivia Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Johnston, Mr. Furney Muller, Mr. Ernest Biskamp, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus R. Wormser, Mrs. R. C. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Goodman, Mr. Ed. Cluck, Mr. Edwin Moser, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker, Mrs. A. E. Derby, Miss Yeager, Miss Irene Leyendecker, Mr. Felipe G. Moreno, Mr.

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ROTARIANS HOLD MEETING AND TRANSACT BUSINESS.
Numerous Matters of Importance Were Discussed and Arrangements Made for Base Ball Game.

The regular weekly meeting of the Laredo Rotary Club was held today at the Hamilton Hotel Cafe, presided over by Charles Deutz. The only guest present was R. W. Morrison, president of the Laredo Elec. & St. Ry. Co., from St. Louis, who made an interesting short talk. L. A. Morrow was inducted into the mysteries of the Rotarians today and made a short oration on how it felt to be "in the gang."

Each and every Rotarian was called upon to give his views on Rotary, what it had done and what he expected for the coming year. The committee on Xmas cheer made their report. The committee on baseball made their report and stated that everything was in readiness for the game with the Sis Hopkins team on Saturday. Manager Trout and Captain Jim Moore then assembled the members of the team and gave them some secret instructions about how to win the game. C. Deutz presented each Rotarian with a badge bearing his name and occupation. The meeting concluded with a solo by Mrs. Travis Bruce Bunn and the usual choral singing.

Important Meeting Called.
A special meeting of the commissioners court is called for next Monday, January 3, 1921, at 2 p. m. at which time the road contractors and all farmers residing along the Zapata highway are requested to be present. Important matters will be discussed at the meeting and action taken.

HAZARDOUS FLIGHT.
By Associated Press.
San Diego, Cal., Dec. 29.—Twenty-six big navy airplanes will roar their way out from San Diego harbor bound for Panama, 3,000 miles away, early tomorrow in what veteran aviators will be one of the longest and most hazardous peace time flights in the history of aviation.

Forty-eight flying hours are expected to be needed to reach their goal at Balboa, located in the canal zone. The machines are scheduled to arrive at Balboa January 13 and to start on their return flight February 26.

Fourteen seaplanes of the N. C. type, which made the navy's flight across the Atlantic Ocean, will be in the Panama Squadron. The other twelve will be of the coastal type of aircraft.

FLAG ON TREES.
By Associated Press.
Dayton, O., Dec. 29.—Warren G. Harding, president-elect, has endorsed a proposal to have the Stars and Stripes placed at the top of Christmas trees as a national custom. In a letter to Richard C. Fowler of this city the next chief executive wrote:

"I am sure that anything I might say that would have a tendency to assert Americanism and promote reverence and respect for our flag will be most pleasing to me. The idea which you have originated appeals strongly to me as it combines with a very beautiful custom, a lesson in patriotism."

TODAY'S EVENTS.
Greetings to the State of Texas, 75 years old today.

Centenary of the birth of John S. Barbour, United States senator from Virginia.

England today will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the assassination of Thomas A. Becket.

At Berkeley, Calif., this evening representatives of Princeton and the University of California will debate the subject of the advisability of Federal laws to prohibit strikes in essential industries.

The governors and governors-elect of the six New England States are to be the guests at a dinner and reception to be tendered to Vice President Coolidge in Boston tonight by the New England Commission on Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

A conference of the British Labor Party is to be held in London today for the purpose of inaugurating a national campaign in favor of an Irish settlement on the lines endorsed by the labor organizations.

Joe Mathes, pilot of the Beaumont Texas league team, has signed up a dozen promising youngsters for try-outs with the Exporters next spring.

The star track performers of Harvard, Cornell and Dartmouth are to compete in an indoor triangular meet to be staged in Boston February 26.

TIMES WANT ADS.
\$\$\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$\$\$

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MACHINE GUN COMPANY CALLED OUT WHEN PLOT FOR JAIL DELIVERY IS DISCOVERED

Convict Known as "Human Wolf" Who Led the Escape of Twelve Convicts from Arkansas State Prison Farm was Starved and Frozen Out and Surrendered Himself to the Authorities Today.

CALIFORNIANS ARE NOW IN CONFERENCE

MEMBER OF HOUSE CONSIDERING QUESTIONS AFFECTING THE JAPANESE THERE.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 29.—The rights of Japanese in the United States and other subjects involved in negotiations now in progress between the United States and Japan were up for discussion today when California members of the house met at a conference called by Representative Kahn. Chief among the matters understood as likely to come up was the proposal advanced in some quarters that the California members urge the legislature of their state to enact a substitute for the present anti-alien law, the statute which would prohibit any alien acquiring title to real state. The Japanese government has contended that the present law discriminates against Japanese, and protest has been made unofficially. It is understood the proposed substitute would eliminate the source of much of the existing friction.

Where They Will Go.
Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 29.—According to Major H. F. Fredeman, adjutant general, the men to be sent from Pine Bluff today will be divided between the farm at Tucker, where they will assist in the capture of the remain felons, and the penitentiary here.

"Human Wolf" Surrendered.
Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 29.—Yates Standridge, known as the "Human Wolf," leader and the most notorious of the twelve convicts who escaped from the state farm at Tucker Sunday night, surrendered today. He walked into the farm office unannounced. He said he had been unable to secure clothing, food or shelter in the river bottoms and had been "starved and frozen out." Officials at the farm said they expect the others to surrender today or tomorrow.

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL IS REPORTED TODAY
GREAT DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE AMOUNT ASKED FOR AND THAT RECOMMENDED.

By Associated Press.
Berlin, Dec. 29.—American business scouts who have been scouring Germany in the last few months in search of contracts have virtually abandoned the field to the British and French and gone home, according to information reaching the American Association of Commerce and Trade here. While exports and imports between the United States and Germany continue gradually to increase the Americans say the majority of the big manufacturing and buying firms of Germany already have signed long-time contracts with the British and French, who sent armies of representatives into the country as soon as the armistice was signed.

The Germans who have not contracted with the British and French, but have held back in the belief it would be to their advantage to tie up with the Americans, are becoming discouraged and American business men here say unless there is soon a resumption of official relations between the two countries, and probably a stabilization of exchange, it must be many months after a treaty is signed before the Americans will again have their proportionate pre-war share of German trade.

The German government is keenly alive to the situation and even has taken a hand, unofficially, in recent transactions by which it was believed good business relations between the two countries would be fostered. When the National Cash Register company recently sought permission of the political economic sub-committee of the Imperial Economic Council to import tools and patterns for a factory in Germany, the German Foreign Office took an active interest and it is said even directed the committee to make a favorable report, although some of Germany's most powerful financial influences were objecting.

Other American concerns have applied for permission to import machinery and manufactured articles but the Economic Council has thus far withheld the permission on the ground that the articles could be produced in Germany.

The German government's principal objection to importations at this time is based upon the low exchange value of the mark. Until the mark is stabilized, the Germans believe trade should be encouraged on the basis of exchange of goods, or that only such importations should be permitted as will encourage German production and form a market for German labor.

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By Associated Press.
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TERMS WITH DELEGATION OF COUNCIL OF FIUME.
By Associated Press.
Flume, Dec. 29.—Gabriele D'Annunzio early today surrendered all powers to the Fiume communal council. General Caviglia, commander of the regular Italian forces, will arrange conditions of peace with a delegation of the council today.

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From Thursday's Daily.

THE JAPANESE PROBLEM

The California members of the national house of representatives are conferring over vexing problems which have agitated that state for some time and which at one time bade fair to result in embroiling our country with that of Japan.

The people of California—well with in their rights, it would seem—have adopted a statute which forbids alien ownership of real estate. The Japanese government says this discriminates against the Japanese, and there is not the slightest doubt that it is so intended, as the people of California have found that the Japanese do not make good residents and neighbors.

But the law, by forbidding any alien to purchase land within that state, prevents any charge of undue discrimination against any certain nationality, and takes the wind out of the Japanese sails.

During Mr. Wilson's first term the question assumed such proportions that the president himself asked the California executive to use his influence to prevent any discriminatory laws which might result in ill feeling in Japan.

But it is a question whether the federal government, or even the California members of the national congress, have any right to interfere in a question which, after all, affects the people of a sovereign state more than anyone else in this country.

Already the anti-Japanese agitation has spread to other states, and recently a real estate dealer in the lower Rio Grande valley had notice served on him that the residents of that section would not permit the introduction of Japanese there, although it was declared that certain Japanese interests had purchased tracts of land for settlement and cultivation.

Other sections of the country are becoming aroused to the menace of Japanese immigration, and especially where the Japanese have begun to acquire land. Even where they have been given long term leases they have aroused an opposition which certainly is based upon something besides mere racial prejudice.

If Japan does not like the California land law, the only way to relate it to prohibit the acquiring of real estate in Japan by Californians. She might even go so far as to prohibit the acquisition of real estate by any Americans, and we would not worry over it.

The percentage of Americans who desire to locate in the Orient is not nearly as great as that of the Orientals who desire to come to our country. Through the "gentlemen's agreement" and other arrangements which the wily Japanese have secured through trade concessions, we already have more Japanese in this country than we know what to do with, and we can never assimilate them.

Most of the states have laws concerning the purchase of property within their boundaries, and yet we hear of no complaint from other foreign nations, although in some states it is impossible for any alien to acquire real estate.

California has deliberately and with a knowledge of the situation refused to permit the sale of real estate to any aliens, in order that undue discrimination against the Japanese might not be successfully charged. And California in so doing does not seem to have overstepped the bounds of right and justice.

The trouble with Japan is that she must find an outlet for her surplus population, and she looks to the United States as a natural outlet, particularly as our laws are so conducive to good treatment of foreigners.

It is too early to predict what the action of the California members will be, but it seems certain that the action of the California legislature will not be such as to stultify themselves and to repeat or amend what appears to be a good and just law.

ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

In proposing to purchase (by the city) a coal mine and establish municipal coal yards to prevent profiteering, Mayor Smith of Louisville, Kentucky, is merely carrying the craze for municipal ownership of everything to its logical conclusion. When this project is carried out, we presume the next thing will be the establishment of municipal groceries and clothing stores, and probably will end with a municipal soup kitchen.

There must be there is—a better way of handling the profiteering problem than by entering into competition through a municipal department with the local dealers. Surely the statutes of Kentucky are not less protective of public rights than those of other states.

During the war we experimented with all sorts of utopian schemes for the bringing about of the millennium. We had government control of railroads, telegraph and telephones. And it may be years before we recover from the disastrous effects of that control.

We had state and municipal control of all sorts of things, and we are still groggy from the punch. We are finding that some things can best be managed by private enterprise. We with the war service. They with the better positions, different em-

the management of a company or an individual.

Louisville is quite a manufacturing center. It has grown considerably since the days when it formed a part of the old Virginia grant. It has a wide awake population, and for some years, although whiskey was one of its chief products, it was dry.

There are many enterprising merchants in that city. It is presumed that among them are the coal dealers. Coal is secured from nearby points, and it may be that a coal mine could be easily found close to the city. But if there is any advantage to be secured by mining coal there and thus being able to sell it cheaply because of reduced transportation cost, some of the Louisville capitalists would have discovered that fact long ago.

Meanwhile, what advantage are the people of Louisville to derive from a municipal coal mine and municipal coal yards? If the coal dealers can sell below their present prices, any reduction to the people through municipal ownership would have to be paid for out of the taxes. And what would it profit a citizen to have cheap coal with high taxes?

Many of these proposed municipal ownership schemes are but half baked. They need a little more time in the oven. And many of them are mixed out of decidedly suspicious materials, leaving it doubtful if they would be worth accepting even if they were properly cooked.

In effect, the proposition of Mayor Smith would result in putting the local coal dealers out of business, through unfair competition. It would also result in considerable loss to the mines which are now selling a part of their output to the local dealers. And the resultant benefit is entirely too problematical to be worthy of consideration.

Carried to its logical conclusion, any dealer who was suspected of overcharging on a suit of clothes would be the cause of Louisville starting a sweat shop, opening retail stores and selling at cost to the people.

And if a Louisville resident pays too much for a can of tomatoes—which, by the way, are canned in great quantities in that immediate neighborhood—the city would promptly open a chain of retail grocery stores and put the profiteer out of business.

There are certain functions which properly belong to a municipality. One of them is to keep the official feet on the ground and not soar above the heads of the citizens. Utopia is a beautiful country, we are told, but no one has ever returned to tell us how they really run things there and what the result is to the people.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

By Associated Press.

DECEMBER 30.

Marcus A. Smith, who is understood to have been selected by President Wilson as a member of the International Joint Commission, which deals with certain questions arising between the United States and Canada, is now completing his second term in the United States senate as a member from Arizona. Senator Smith is a Democrat and before taking his seat in the senate, in 1912, he had served eight terms as a delegate in Congress from the then Territory of Arizona. He is a native of Kentucky and a graduate of Transylvania University at Lexington. After being admitted to the bar he removed to Arizona in 1881 and a year later began his public career as prosecuting attorney of his county.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Rudyard Kipling, the "soldiers' poet," celebrates his 55th birthday today. Memorial exercises will be held in Chicago today to mark the seventeenth anniversary of the Iroquois Theatre fire, in which nearly 600 persons, mostly women and children, lost their lives.

Learned men of the United States and Canada will gather in Chicago today to take part in the annual meeting of the Physiological Society of America.

A large party of Canadian curlers, representing nearly all of the Provinces, will sail from St. John, N. B., today for Scotland, where they are to engage in a series of matches with celebrated Scottish rinks.

JAPAN'S INCREASE

By Associated Press.

Tokio, November 26.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Japan's population during 1919 was increased by only 300,000 as against a usual rate of 628,000, according to an official report of the recent census. During 1919 births numbered 1,823,481 and deaths 1,513,687, the net gain, therefore, being 309,794. Reduced number of marriages in consequence of higher cost of living is one reason given by the authorities for the falling off. But it is probable that the principal cause was an abnormally heavy infant mortality due to the influenza epidemic. The divorce rate in 1918 is unofficially returned at 112 per thousand marriages. This compares with a divorce rate of 100 in U. S. Marshal, Sou. Dist. of Europe. By ALLEN WALKER, Dephese

THE "OLD RELIABLE" THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

White Haired Alabama Lady Says She Has Seen Medicines Come and Go But The "Old Reliable" Thedford's Black-Draught Came and Stayed.

Dutton, Ala.—In recommending Thedford's Black-Draught to her friends and neighbors here, Mrs. T. F. Parks, a well-known Jackson County lady, said: "I am getting up in years; my head is pretty white. I have seen medicines and remedies come and go but the old reliable came and stayed. I am talking of Black-Draught, a liver medicine we have used for years—one that can be depended upon and one that will do the work."

"Black-Draught will relieve indigestion and constipation if taken right, and I know for I tried it. It is the best thing I have ever found for the full, uncomfortable

feeling after meals. Sour stomach and sick headache can be relieved by taking Black-Draught. It aids digestion, also assists the liver in throwing off impurities. I am glad to recommend Black-Draught, and do, to my friends and neighbors."

Thedford's Black-Draught is a standard household remedy with a record of over seventy years of successful use. Every one occasionally needs something to help cleanse the system of impurities. Try Black-Draught. Insist upon Thedford's, the genuine.

At all druggists. U. 75

AERIAL ATTACK.

By Associated Press.

Columbus, O., Dec. 30.—Aerial attack, or the forward passing style of play, has been developed to a greater stage of perfection by Ohio State University's football eleven than by any team in the country, according to football experts, and it is on this form of offensive that the Buckeyes will depend for victory when they face the University of California team at the Tournament of Ross at Pasadena, Cal., New Year's day.

Only one team in the middle west—Notre Dame—could be considered as a rival of Ohio State in forward pass plays and most football experts consider the Ohio passes superior to even those of the late George Gipp, Notre Dame's star hurler, primarily because Ohio State is adept at every type of pass—whether running, standing, double, triple or of the "screen" type.

Two men form the nucleus of Ohio State's aerial attack—Hoge Workman, 20-year old quarterback who last fall played his first season on the team, and "Pete" Stinchcomb, who made the mythical All-American team.

Workman is the most accurate passer seen in the middle west since the overhead attack was made legal. He throws from any position, at any distance and nearly always gets the ball within reaching distance of the receiving player, whether that man be running or standing still.

Stinchcomb's greatest work is in receiving passes. He is the fastest man on the team and gets many yards down the field before Workman is ready to throw. Stinchcomb takes the ball while traveling at full speed and if Workman's pass does happen to be a little wide, Stinchcomb generally is able to get to it before it touches the ground. Once he has the ball, the little halfback has better than an even chance for a long run, for his dodging, twisting and side stepping make him an almost impossible man to stop.

Nearly all of the Ohio passes are played from a punt formation, but the team runs so many other plays from this formation that it is impossible for the opponents to "lay" for the passes. Line bucks, end runs and off tackle dashes all may be started from a kicking arrangement.

Probably the most successful play of the Ohio State team is the running pass, for in this play it is optional with the passer to buck through the line, circle end or pass the ball. Workman, in the kicker's position, receives the ball and with his backfield as interference starts around end. Stinchcomb, through his great speed easily outdistances the interference and gets far ahead. Then, with Stinchcomb, the other two backs, and workman, who trails behind, cutting a wide circle around end, the play is in full swing and it depends on the immediate circumstances whether it is a run or a pass. If the chances are good for a gain, Workman continues with the ball. If he is about to be tackled, the quarterback leaps high in the air and throws to Stinchcomb while still on the run, the latter receiving without stopping, or else turns completely around and huris to the other end. It is the most beautiful play in football and never fails to bring cheers even from the opposition grandstand when successful.

The standing pass is somewhat different. From the same kicking formation, Workman receives the ball. Stinchcomb circles end, but Workman simply steps back toward his own goal with the other two backs protecting him. With this interference he frequently waits many seconds before passing. When he finally has picked out a receiver, the ball is lined to him. This play, however, is more dangerous than the running pass, for if no receiver is available Workman is almost sure to be thrown for a ten or fifteen yard loss unless he can dodge through for a few yards.

Another type of pass used by Ohio State successfully is the "screen" pass. In this play the ball is not

thrown to any one player, but is simply tossed down the field and it is up to some one of a group of players who are dashing in the direction in which the piskin is to be hurled, to recover it before it reaches the ground. This play also is from the kick formation with Workman as the passer. As the backfield players dash down the field the ball is thrown toward them. One cries for it and the others immediately act as a screen, to prevent opposition players from interfering with the man who has been designated as the receiver. It is a fast play, for the passer has no protection and must get the ball away quickly.

A few double and triple passes are used by Ohio State, but primarily the aerial attack depends on the running, standing or screen pass. All passes vary in length, sometimes being only a few yards and at other times traveling half the length of the field.

LEAP YEAR ENDS TOMORROW BACHELORS BREATHE EASY

Ye Maids Who Have Not Landed Ye Bashful Swain Had Better Get Busy Before Midnight Tomorrow.

While woman's suffrage now pervades the land and the reins of government have fallen into the hands of many of the gentler sex during the past year, ye maid with the lasso trying to throw it over the bashful swain that has been the apple of her eye for to these many years but is too bashful to propose, has only a short time left to pop the question to him. Leap year, one whole year long, ends at midnight tomorrow, so there is tonight and tomorrow night up to the witching hour left in which to corner ye bashful one and make him say "yes." If ye don't be ye may continue to command your adoration for another four years, and by that time the "silver threads among the gold" may go against ye. Lest ye forget, leap year ends tomorrow night when the hands of the clock strike twelve.

OH, BOY OH SUCH A CHANCE AND OH, NAUGHT ON THE LINE

You Won't Have to Feel a Cootie Jazzing to Say "Oh," You Will Just Have to Say It After Tomorrow.

Manager M. C. Brown of The Southwestern Bell Tel. Co., says that on January 1, 1921, the telephone company will change the practice in regard to the pronunciation of the figure "0" in repeating telephone numbers. Heretofore in Texas we have called this "Naught." We are going to change it to "Oh." Oh, oh!

The figure "0" in a telephone number is, correctly speaking, a figure; and as such, it is, as Texas it, "Naught." But all the rest of the country is now considering it the letter "O" and calling it "Oh."

Because all the rest of the States, in their business languages, call "Oh," Texas proposes to do the same thing, because our business, our association, our influence and our communication certainly extends, in every direction, far beyond the borders of this state, great though she may be.

PARTY OF 150 EASTERNERS GO TO TAMPICO OIL FIELDS

Millionaires Interested in Great Mexican Oil Field Pass Through Here on a Special Train.

A special train of five Pullmans, a diner and baggage car, carrying a party of 150 Eastern millionaires en route to the Tampico oil district, arrived in Laredo yesterday morning and proceeded on their way toward Tampico about an hour after arrival. The party represents a syndicate of wealthy Easterners who have an option on a large tract of land in the Tampico oil field valued at \$6,000,000 and their visit to Tampico at this time is in connection with that matter.

NATIONAL LINES OF MEXICO IN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

MEANS FREE INTERCHANGE OF CARS BETWEEN COUNTRIES.

Eliminates Necessity of Bonding American Rolling Stock at Border and Restores Old Conditions.

Effective January 1, 1921, the National Lines of Mexico, which comprises the great railway system of Mexico, will become members of the American Railway Association, which comprises all the railway systems of the United States. The entrance of the Mexican railway system into the American association means much for the traveling and commercial life between the United States and Mexico, and conditions that existed prior to the numerous revolutions in Mexico will be restored and the railway system of Mexico put on a par with the system of this country.

The membership of the Mexican railways in the American association means the free interchange of cars between the railway systems of both countries and will eliminate the necessity of bonding of cars of American railways at the border, which has been in effect for several years past, as heretofore the American railways would not permit any of their passenger or freight rolling stock to cross the boundary line into Mexico without a suitable bond being furnished for their safe return by the Mexican railways. Now, as a member of the American Railway Association, there will be a free interchange of both passenger and freight rolling stock between the two countries.

Hereafter private cars, coaches, Pullman sleepers, etc., arriving on an American railway at the border need proceed on any portion of Mexico without being stopped and bonded required of the Mexican railways for their safe return—in other words, special trains from all portions of the United States would pass over the boundary line in the same order as they would pass over an ordinary bridge any place along its route and proceed on its way, instead of being stopped and bonded furnished for the safe return of the rolling stock. The admission of the National Lines of Mexico into the American Railway Association also indicates that the railway interests of this country have confidence that peace and order have been permanently established in Mexico and that they are taking no risk.

AT LAREDO "MOVIES"

"Trumpet Island" at Strand.

The interior of an airplane factory, a gorgeous feast in which wine, woman and song drive dull care away, a man made a millionaire in the twinkling of an eye, an airplane wrecked in a thunder storm, a beautiful tropical island upon which a girl alights from out of the sky, are a few of the highlights in "Trumpet Island," which will be shown at Strand theater Saturday. The story was written by Gouverneur Morris and has all of his masterly touches. It was adapted and edited by Lillian and George Randolph Chester, both well known and popular as writers of fiction. In addition to this the production was directed by Tom Terrias, who has produced some of the best pictures of the screen. The all-star cast is headed by Marguerite De La Motte and Wallace MacDonald.

Viola Dana at Rialto

The inside workings of a band of expert crooks is disclosed in "Blackmail," a Metro special production from the story by Lucia Chamberlain in The Saturday Evening Post and which is announced as the feature attraction at the Rialto Theatre beginning Saturday. The photodrama features the attempts of a beautiful adventuress to blackmail a wealthy young man into marrying her but when success seems assured love upsets the plot and with the aid of a brilliant young lawyer an entirely different turn is given the carefully laid plans of the band of underworld confederates. Viola Dana is starred in the role of Flossie Golden, the daughter of a crook, and her supporting cast includes Wyndham Standing, Alfred Allen, Florence Turner, Edward Cecil, Lydia Knott, Jack Roi, and Fred Keisev.

"The North Wind's Malice" at Royal.

On less than a 12 hour's notice, Jane Thomas boarded a midnight train at Port Henry New York, with an outfit of baby clothes. Miss Thomas is the leading woman in Rex Beach's next picture for Goldwyn, "The North Wind's Malice," which comes to the Royal theatre, for two days, commencing Saturday. Rex Beach decided that the floods in the Allegheny River, near Pittsburgh, provided an ideal location for some steamboat scenes required in the script. So Miss Thomas left behind the young baby actor, who played with her in Port Henry, and took along clothes for the baby who is to double in the part at Pittsburgh. Jane Thomas says: "This is the ideal way in which to travel with a baby—just to take along its clothes."

TIMES WANT ADS. Money Makers

LOCAL NEWS

—Mrs. Flora Dilgarde Anderson, teacher of piano and singing, announces the opening of her studio for the mid-winter term Monday, January 3d. Audition by appointment only. Residence telephone 458. Studio 216 Alexander building. 12-30-3t.

—The burglar captured by W. S. Cantrell at his home on Tuesday night proved to be the same man who robbed the Cantrell home on two other occasions and also burglarized the Murphy home on Christmas afternoon. Goods stolen from both places were recovered at the quarters of the burglar yesterday.

—The Acme Laundry is a family laundry. We will be glad to get your work. O. Willhite, Manager, 2018 Turbide St. 12-29-12t.

—Public stenographer. Hamilton Hotel. Ask for Mrs. Bragg. 12-14-4t.

—Oil development work will soon be in full blast again in the Laredo section, according to reports, and at least six wells will be going down in the country not far from here, two of them already being busily engaged in drilling operations, and the others to start soon.

—Would do embroidery and hemstitching. Prices reasonable. Ida Warner, 720 Convent avenue. Laredo, Texas. 12-30-6t.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348. 4-27-4t.

—The Importations through this port from Mexico yesterday afternoon consisted of five carloads of ixite and two carloads of pottery, besides some merchandise brought across the international footbridge in smaller quantities.

—THE McGEE TOMATO makes 1200 bushels per acre and I only have the pure pedigree seed. Please write or full information. M. C. McGee, San Marcos, Texas. 11-23-2m.

—If you need a plumber in a hurry. Phone 1293 Juarez Plumbing. 3-29-1t.

—The three motion picture shows of Laredo are offering their patrons big feature productions for their New Year entertainment. Each carry advertisements in The Times of what they have to offer—read them and select the play or plays that you will want to see.

—Would take care of an old couple or a convalescent. Ida Warner, 720 Convent Avenue. Laredo, Texas. 12-30-6t.

—Many prominent people from various portions of the United States are passing through Laredo these days en route to points in Mexico to see the wonderful and novel sights offered by that country.

—Many "watch parties" are being formed to sit up tomorrow night and watch the old year out and the new year in. There are several big balls on the tapis for tomorrow night—at the Elks Club, the Latin-American Club and Fort McIntosh, and also at the Social Fronterizo Club in Nuevo Laredo.

HAD BOTH LEGS CRUSHED WHEN JAMMED AGAINST POLE

Truck Driver Had Narrow Escape From Tragic Death at Texas-Mexican Station Yesterday Afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon a serious accident occurred at the old Texas-Mexican station when a truck driver named Antonio Gonzalez met with an accident that resulted in the crushing of both of his legs and he being taken to the hospital suffering intense pain as a result of his injuries.

Gonzalez was loading some alfalfa from a car to the truck when he saw a train approaching. He endeavored to get the truck out of the way, but the train struck the truck, it is said, catching Gonzalez between the truck and a telegraph pole and horribly crushing his legs. He was removed from his perilous position as soon as possible and rushed to Mercy Hospital, where he was given immediate attention and is doing as nicely as could be expected under the circumstances.

A VERITABLE "LONDON FOG" PAID A VISIT THIS MORNING

Fog Was So Dense at Times That Man Could Not See Mother-in-Law Welding Skillet Fifty Feet Away.

Laredo was in the throes of a veritable London fog this morning, the fog being the heaviest witnessed here in years. Ye old-time inhabitants were possessed of the belief that when a heavy fog followed a severe cold spell it meant a reversal in weather conditions, so if the prognosticators of old count for anything in this modern age was there is some fine weather ahead.

The fog this morning was not accompanied by cold weather, for the last vestige of the cool snap had disappeared before it began to "smoke" "em up," and make the atmosphere beclouded. There was just enough dampness occasioned by the fog weather to cover everything with a coating of moisture, and this in itself will prove of great benefit to flower gardens, vegetable gardens and other things needing a wee bit of moisture at this time.

MUSCLES FELT AS IF TIED IN KNOTS

HUDSON SAYS "IT IS SIMPLY WONDERFUL WHAT TANLAC DID FOR ME."

"If anybody had told me that Tanlac could do for me what it has done I would not have believed them," said C. R. Hudson, of Knoxville, Ill. "It freed me from rheumatism after twelve years of awful suffering," he continued, "and my stomach trouble is also gone."

"I was in such bad shape that I could scarcely digest a thing, and any solids would give me such cramps in my stomach that I could hardly stand them. Gas would form and affect my heart so bad I would get faint and have to lie down. The rheumatism made my legs swell all out of shape and the muscles felt like they were tied in knots. I couldn't straighten my right leg at all and it pained me so I could find no rest. At night it was especially bad and I simply rolled from one side of the bed to the other unable to get any sleep. Not being able to work any more I rented my farm and moved to town. I tried about every sort of medicine I ever heard of but got worse all the time."

"One day I heard some people talking about how much good Tanlac had done them and I decided to try it, and the way it took hold was simply wonderful. I can now eat anything I want, my rheumatism is all gone and I sleep like a log every night. I feel as strong and well as I ever did and I am going back to the farm able to do as much work as I did years ago. If anyone wants to know about Tanlac send them to me."

Tanlac is sold in Laredo, by City Drug Store, and all leading druggists.

1921 A YEAR OF JUBILEES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Among the Roman Catholic prelates in the United States the year about to begin will be prolific in celebrations of jubilees and anniversaries marking the milestones in their respective careers in the church. Dignitaries of all ranks, from bishop to cardinal, will be represented in the list of celebrants.

In May Cardinal O'Connell of Boston will observe his twentieth year as a bishop and later in the year will see the tenth anniversary of his elevation to the cardinalate.

Rt. Rev. Theophile Meerschaert, bishop of Oklahoma, will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of his consecration and also his golden jubilee in the priesthood. Another prelate who will reach his thirtieth anniversary in the bishopric is Rt. Rev. Christopher E. Byrne, bishop of Galveston.

Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis will reach his twenty-fifth anniversary in the bishopric. Other prelates to celebrate their episcopal silver jubilees are Bishops Nolan of Scranton, O'Dea of Seattle, and O'Gorman of Sioux Falls.

Bishop O'Connor of Newark, N. J., will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of his consecration and Bishops Morris of Little Rock and Walsh of Portland, Me., will attain their fiftieth anniversary in the episcopate.

Those who will celebrate the tenth anniversary of their consecration are Bishops Schrembs of Toledo, Ward of Leavenworth, and Gunn of Nathech. On August 11 the Most Rev. James J. Keene will complete a decade of service as archbishop of Dubuque. The Rt. Rev. J. Henry Thien, formerly bishop of Lincoln and now head of the Denver diocese, will also observe the tenth anniversary of his consecration.

Bishops McDevitt of Harrisburg, Brossart of Covington, and Lawler of Lead, S. Dak., will observe the fifth anniversary of their consecration. In September the Rt. Rev. Henry Gabriels, the venerable bishop of Ogdensburg, will complete sixty years in the priesthood. In July Archbishop Measner of Milwaukee will celebrate his sacerdotal golden jubilee. Bishop Allen of Mobile and the Rt. Rev. Joseph H. Conroy, auxiliary bishop of Ogdensburg, will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of their ordination.

Five prelates will celebrate their thirty-fifth year in the priesthood. They are Bishops Thien of Denver, Kelly of Grand Rapids, Schinner of Spokane, Muldon of Rockford, and Corbett of Crookston, Minn.

The Most Rev. Albert J. Daeger, archbishop of Santa Fe, will celebrate his silver jubilee as a priest, and Archbishop Dowling of St. Paul will complete his thirtieth year in holy orders.

The twentieth anniversary of their ordination will be celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Anthony Schuler, bishop of El Paso; the Rt. Rev. John T. McNicholas, bishop of Duluth; the Rt. Rev. Thomas W. Drumm, bishop of Des Moines, and the Rt. Rev. John M. Gannon, who has just succeeded to the bishopric of Erie.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Bitter, sweet with Elix. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for Chichester's DIAMOND BRAND PILLS for 25 years known Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

A DIFFERENT DAY

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 31.—New Year's Day isn't what it used to be. This is in a small way attributable to the addition to the constitution of some dry readying matter. In still greater part it is because the international obsession for celebrating whenever Father Time takes a fresh start in piloting the earth around the sun is thousands of years old. The manner of observing the day has changed greatly through the centuries.

The urge to give presents at least once a year was felt even before Christmas and Santa Claus came in to the scheme of things, and the ancient Greeks, Chinese, Egyptians and Romans tendered their gifts to one another on the first day of the year. Kings got into the habit of receiving extra gifts from their subjects on these days and liked it so well they began extorting larger and larger sums. This practice got so bad in Rome under the Caesars that Claudius called a halt.

It spread to other countries, however, and the English had their New Year's celebration spoiled annually by rapacious sovereigns until Queen Elizabeth's modest demands of her subjects cut gifts down to a minimum. In those days the celebration of New Year's Day had become worldwide. With variations to suit all nationalities, it consisted everywhere of eating, drinking and motley merriment.

Christopher Columbus, so far as is known, was the first white man to celebrate on New Year's Day in the Western Hemisphere. While his ships were undergoing repairs on January 1, 1493, he enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with two savage monarchs on the island of Haiti. After this meal, history, says the discoverer of America had his first smoke of tobacco. Whether he enjoyed it is not recorded, but he left it to a later generation. Sir Walter Raleigh is generally credited with the function—to introduce tobacco in Europe.

The Pilgrim Fathers and the first families of the older states of the union enjoyed a quiet holiday as each year came around. They feasted, but not until they had attended religious services. In the 19th century people with big houses and flowing sideboards held open house on New Year's Day and from all over friends came afoot, on bicycles and in surreys and stanhopes to pay short visits and sample the contents of wine cellars. Then they went off to call on other friends. Popular maidens in those days witnessed traffic jams in front of their homes, no prevalent was the penchant for short calls on young women during the afternoon of the year's first day. This custom began to pass out quietly with the dawn of the 20th century, automobiles, and cabarets. It was succeeded by "nothing but wigs" habits amid the thousands who frequented cafes and grill rooms in the cities on New Year's Eve.

For 25 years up to the dawn of 1920 and the era of war-time prohibition, the celebration in New York became noisier and more expensive each year. Thousands used to crowd into places of merriment while Broadway was packed with a surging throng of merry-makers with squawks, clappers, bells, ticklers and confetti.

Every hotel and most of the restaurants were jammed with gay diners. In 1908 it was estimated that \$1,000,000 was spent in the white-light district on New Year's Eve. After that statisticians gave up trying to figure out the sum.

The din and probably the cost of the celebration was greatly diminished under war-time prohibition in the New Year's demonstration of 1920. Old timers said all the "ginger" had departed with John Barleycorn.

The cupid of 1921 will be the first to make his bow under Constitutional prohibition. In New York he will find that times have changed.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 31.

Rear Admiral Samuel MacGowan, who retires from active service today, has been paymaster general of the United States Navy since 1914, a period of service as chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts only exceeded twice in the history of the service. Admiral MacGowan leaves behind him a splendid record of work efficiently accomplished, particularly during the period of the war, when it was "up to him" to see that the 65,000 and more bluejackets and marines in Uncle Sam's service were not only paid their wages, but were kept well fed and well clothed. One of the late Admiral Dewey's last recommendations was to suggest the appointment of Paymaster General MacGowan to the permanent grade of rear admiral. The retiring officer is a product of South Carolina and first came to Washington as secretary to Secretary of the Navy Herbert.

Probably among the oldest twin sisters in America are Mrs. Phoebe A. Cook, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Mariam A. Solomon, of Grand Rapids, who have just celebrated their 91st birthday.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER 31.

1781—Henry Laurens, emissary from the United States to France, liberated from the Tower of London in exchange for Gen. Burgoyne.

1793—Thomas Jefferson resigned his position as Secretary of State in Washington's cabinet.

1846—James Cochran, inventor of the process of making cut nails, died at Batavia, N. Y. Born there in 1763.

1847—Wilson S. Bissell, Postmaster-General under President Cleveland, born in Oneida County, N. Y. Died in Buffalo, Oct. 6, 1903.

1862—Act admitting West Virginia to Statehood approved by the President.

1870—Funeral of Marshal Prim took place in Madrid.

1872—Germany severed diplomatic relations with the Pope.

1882—Leon Gambetta, ex-Dictator of France, died. Born April 3, 1838.

MONITION.

In the United States District Court For the Southern District of Texas.

United States of America vs. Five Hundred and Twelve Dollars and Ninety-three Cents, U. S. Currency and U. S. Coin, No. D. L. 209.

Whereas, the U. S. District Attorney has filed suit to forfeit and condemn the hereinafter property, which suit was filed on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1920, said property being now in custody of the United States Attorney, described as follows: Five Hundred and Twelve Dollars and Ninety-three Cents, U. S. Currency and U. S. Coin, being amount deposited by A. J. de Tijerina for appearance of M. G. Tijerina before the U. S. Commissioners' Court on Nov. 18, 1918. For the causes set forth in the libel now pending in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, at Laredo, I hereby give notice to all persons claiming the said described property, or knowing or having anything to say why the same should not be condemned and forfeited, and the proceeds thereof distributed according to the prayer of the libel, that they be and appear before the said Court, to be held in and for the Southern District of Texas, at the United States Court Room, in the City of Laredo, on the 10th day of January, 1921, at 10 o'clock on the forenoon of that day, if the same shall be a day of jurisdiction, otherwise on the next day of jurisdiction thereafter, then and there to interpose a claim for the same, and to make their allegations in that behalf.

J. A. HERRING,
U. S. Marshal Sou. Dist. of Texas.
By ALLEN WALKER, Deputy.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

DECEMBER 31.

Normand Hapgood, former United States Minister to Denmark, denied charges of friendship with Lenin and Trotsky.

Notice to Stockholders.

At a special meeting of the board of directors of this company a call was made for the final installment of 25 per cent due on new stock payable January 20, 1921.

HOME ICE COMPANY,
By L. J. Christen, Secy.
12-20-10t.

When You Are Constipated.

To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation.

Notice.

The public is hereby warned that the firing of firearms, cannon crackers and other fire works prohibited by law will not be tolerated during the holidays and violators of this law will be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

M. BRENNAN,
City Marshal.

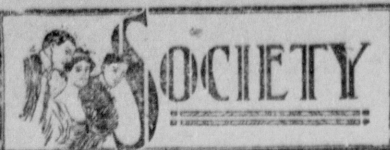
Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Rockport, N. Y.

We Buy Rags.
Wash all the old rags that you have and bring them to The Times office. Best prices paid. Rags must be soft and clean.
11-13-4t.

TIMES WANT ADS.

Money Makers



SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.

There will be a masquerade ball at Fort McIntosh in the evening.

Annual New Year's Ball at Elks Hall in the evening. Latin-American Club will entertain with its annual ball in the evening.

The Centro Social Fronterizo will give its annual New Year's ball and banquet tomorrow night in Nuevo Laredo.

Saturday.

The Sis Hopkins team will play against the Rotarians at Caliche Park at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Cotillion Class Party at the Woman's Club at 8 o'clock in the afternoon.

General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lewis and Mrs. Mary W. Savage and little son, Wallace of Austin, arrived in the city last night in their automobile to spend the New Year and enjoy some of the Laredo social functions.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Matzow have returned from a delightful motor trip to Austin, where they spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. Matzow.

Mrs. Horace Wood of Asherton is in the city the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ira O'Meara.

Miss Lucille Nunnally of San Antonio is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. W. D. Butler.

Miss Ruck of San Antonio is among the recent arrivals in the city and is pleasantly located at 1701 Matamoros street.

Mrs. E. B. Brewster and daughter, Miss Josephine, are in the city for the holidays and will then return to Huntsville, where Miss Josephine will resume her school work.

Mr. I. Rosenbaum of Mexico City is spending a few days in Laredo this week.

Major Edmund Waddell, formerly stationed at Laredo with the 9th Infantry, is spending a few days in the city before going to his new station at Camp Travis, San Antonio.

Miss Lois Derby has returned from Hebronville, where she spent the holidays with Miss Florence Armstrong.

Mrs. C. C. Biggio and children are spending a few days in San Antonio and Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Muri O'Keefe are enjoying a hunting trip of several days.

Mrs. W. C. Bouldin of Luling is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. A. Manford, during the holidays.

Costume Dance.

The New Year's dance for the soldiers at the Soldiers Club tomorrow night is a costume dance and not a masquerade, as was erroneously announced previously.

Celebrated Birthday.

Robert S. Phelps celebrated his fourteenth birthday yesterday by having a number of his friends at his residence for refreshments and then attending the movies. Among those invited were Albert Oxford, J. R. Fasnacht, George Kehl, Jack Taylor, Hunter Randolph, Dorman Phelps, Ben Rogers, Edward G'Sell and Sonny Biggio.

Delightful Party.

Miss Elisa Gutierrez and sisters entertained with a most delightful party Wednesday evening, December 29th, complimenting a number of friends. Games of all kinds and a varied program of music were enjoyed, after which the hostesses served refreshments. Among those present were: Misses Josefa Martinez, Adelfa Garcia, Faustina Peña, Hermilina and Marta Ramon, Lola and Aurora Ochoa, Maria Gutierrez, Esther Peña, Josefina Garcia, Maria Lassaulx, Consuelo Martinez, Maria Garcia, Maria Luisa Treviño, Margarita Garcia, Agnes Garcia, Evangelina Cerda, Candalaria Peña, San Juana Garcia, Flora Treviño, Guadalupe Zulema, Lucrécia Lozano, Rufina Garza, Eloisa Garza, Simona and Eugenia Gutierrez, Maria Santoy, Matilde Ochoa, Zulema Peña, Sara and Lupe Santoy, Hermilinda Treviño, Josefina Zapata, and Mrs. B. Rodriguez. Messrs. Pedro B. Gutierrez, Alejandro Marulanda, Jose E. Garcia, Jr., Enrique Santoy, Manuel Gutierrez, F. Peña Ramirez, Ignacio T. Rendón, Alfonso Gonzalez, Florencio Gutierrez, Pablo Treviño, Tomas Olivares, Justo Cardenas, Manuel Garza, Fulgencio Bolanos, Edmundo and Braulio Rodriguez, Gonzalo and Roberto Elizondo, Alfonso Ramon, and Leopoldo Reyna.

Entertainment.

The members of the Busy Bee Club were most delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon by Miss Marjorie Lou Fish. The home was attractive in its decorations, the Christmas

motif being used. Upon the arrival of the guests the hostess served a beautifully appointed two-course luncheon. The table was centrally adorned in poinsettias and holly and red candles in crystal sticks were also used. At the conclusion of the refreshment course a series of progressive games were played, the prizes being awarded as follows: Club, Miss Mildred Leyendecker, who was given a box of stationery; guest, to Miss Mary Besse MacDonald, who received a number of dainty handkerchiefs; the booby went to Miss Madonna Sorrell, who was given a box of confections. Those enjoying the pleasure of the hospitality were: Club members—Misses Emilie Halsell, Evelyn Ryan, Mildred Leyendecker, Rosalie Biggio, Minerva G'Sell, Anna May Mussett, Julia McVicar, Katherine Heaner, Lois and Dorothy Derby, Josephine Brewster, Hattie May Bryant; guests—Misses Mary Besse MacDonald, Alta Mayo Boord and Madonna Sorrell.

Christmas Party.

Miss Rosita Applewhite entertained last evening with a beautiful dancing party complimenting the Saturday Night Cotillion Class. The home was lovely in its decorations of mistletoe, holly, pine, ferns and Christmas wreaths which were hung everywhere, suggestive of the holiday season. The mantel was banked in pine and holly, intermingled with poinsettias; while great clusters of white mistletoe berries and foliage were hung from the chandeliers. The windows were filled with lovely ferns. The programs carrying Christmas designs marked sixteen straight and four extra dances, and were given out by Little Miss Bessie and Master Woodrow Applewhite. The grand march was led by the hostess and Mr. Grandin Rogers, and afterwards dancing was enjoyed throughout the evening. During the intermission delicious chicken sandwiches, chocolate and confections were served. Those enjoying the delightful hospitality were: Misses Mary Cook, Mary Besse MacDonald, Marjorie Lou Fish, Emilie Halsell, Madonna Sorrell, Martha Anderson, Kathleen Heaner, Dorothy Derby, Josephine Worsham, Ora Lee and Genevieve Camp, Julia Belle Deutz, Gladys Sauvignat and Rosita Applewhite; Messrs. John Robert Fasnacht, Roy Davis, Hunter Randolph, Riley Barlow, Ben Rogers, Fred Rogers, Grandin Rogers, Louis Fuster, James and Joe Wright, Rex Tarver, George Anderson and Victor Sauvignat. Miss Rosita was graciously assisted in entertaining her guests by her mother, Mrs. J. E. Applewhite, Mrs. J. A. MacDonald, Mrs. R. L. Fuster and Mrs. Sorrell.

RED CROSS RELIEF.

By Associated Press. Constantinople, Dec. 31.—Four hundred and seventy tons of American supplies have been distributed to refugees in the harbor of Constantinople by the American Red Cross during the first 12 days following the arrival of the first ship from Crimea, after the collapse of General Wrangel's army. The American Red Cross also supplied more than 60 ships with medical and surgical goods, equipped a 350-bed hospital at the Russian Embassy, furnished beds and equipment to three orphanages and 1,000 blankets to the relief station which the American navy established on the island of Proti, where 3,000 refugees were cared for.

SUSPECTS ROUNDED IN.

By Associated Press. Dublin, Dec. 31.—A good deal of the military and police activity in Dublin in raiding all sorts of houses is explained by the fact that the government has rounded into the city many of the suspected men.

There were men in most districts of Ireland who were sought by the police. They were, in the Irish phrase, "on their keeping" and it is a tradition in Ireland that any man "on the run" from the government is entitled to sanctuary. Many persons, even among those who disapprove of outrages, share this feeling and would be willing to harbor such men without inquiry.

The pressure of the police and military throughout the provinces has been so close that no country district is safe for the fugitives. Some of them have sought refuge in dugouts in the hills, and the risk of receiving them in a house and the terror of a visit from the "Black and Tans" is so great that many of the men suspected have been gradually hunted into Dublin. Here they are diligently searched for day and night and few of them, it is believed, ever spend two nights running in the same bed. The hotels are regarded as safer than the homes of sympathizers and hence the frequent invasion by the crown forces of even the best hotels in which the ordinary visitor is startled out of his sleep and with a revolver pointed at him is required to lie still until his identity is satisfactorily established.

Raids on private houses are repeated again and again after failure to find "the wanted man," in the hope that he must turn up there sometime, thinking the search has been abandoned. It is said that there are districts on the North side of the city in which the people confidently expect these raids and the names of the wanted men are subjects of well informed gossip in the whole neighborhood.

WALKED INTO BANK VAULT, HELPED HIMSELF TO BONDS AND SHOT MAN WHO HALTED HIM

Bold Robber in Springfield, Tennessee, Almost Succeeded in Getting Away with Fifty Thousand Dollars in Bonds, but was Killed by the Officers After He Took Refuge in a Store Room.

REFUSED TO GRANT BAIL FOR ACCUSED

MEN ACCUSED OF MURDER OF MAN IN PINE BLUFFS, ARK., MUST REMAIN IN JAIL.

By Associated Press. Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 31.—Judge W. B. Sorrells in the circuit court today refused to grant bail to Hicks Riley and Jim Reidinger, under indictment for murder in the first degree in connection with the killing of W. A. Fowler here the night of December 8. An appeal will be taken to the supreme court under a writ of certiorari. Hearing upon the application for bail for Charles Bruce, under indictment as an accessory, begins this afternoon.

TEXAS LANDMARK IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

OLD MANSION HOTEL IN FORT WORTH BURNED AND ONE MAN LOST HIS LIFE.

By Associated Press. Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 31.—One man was killed and several others are missing in the fire which destroyed the Mansion hotel here early today. Several buildings adjoining the hotel were badly damaged, and the total loss is estimated at \$150,000. The only body recovered is that of J. O. Russell, express messenger on the Santa Fe, who was asleep in his room at the time of the fire. The Mansion hotel was one of the city's landmarks, dating back to Texas frontier days. An injured guest thought to be P. L. Smith of Kopper is still unconscious. His skull is fractured and a leg broken.

VALERA IN IRELAND.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 31.—Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic" arrived safely in Ireland today, according to the announcement here by his secretary, Harry Boland.

OPERATED AT LOSS

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 31.—Street railways in Berlin have been operated at a loss of 49,000,000 marks during the first nine months of municipal ownership, and in spite of increased fare it is estimated this loss will reach 60,000,000 marks before the end of the first year. Fares already have been increased from 30 to 80 pfennings and it is proposed to further increase them to one mark.

Increased wages and higher costs for power are giving as the chief reasons for the large deficit.

Although employees have been given several wage increases, demands for more pay have been always pending, with the threat of strike if they are not granted. In view of the financial situation and ever-increasing wage demands it has been suggested that an committee be created to keep workmen informed about the operation and cost of the street railways system, in the hope that well-informed employees will be more moderate. Some of the supporters of municipal plan is being discredited by workmen who make unusual demands and threats.

They also demand a more careful check on the management of the street railways, particularly with regard to expenditures.

LOW RHINE LEVEL

By Associated Press. Geneva, Dec. 31.—The protracted drought which obtained for the past two months in Switzerland caused the Rhine and the Rhone to reach low levels hitherto unknown. The famous Rhine Falls at Schaffhausen dwindled down to a mere trickle and minor electric railways had to return to steam power. Barges, cargo boats and other river craft were strung along the shores of the Rhine for miles unable to reach Basle.

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 31.—An unidentified man entered the Peoples Bank of Springfield, Tenn., today and made his way unobserved to the bank vault. He helped himself to \$50,000 worth of bonds, stood off the bank officials when discovered and dashed out the rear door, shooting Little Dillard, an officer, in the leg. The bandit took refuge in a store room, where he was killed by Springfield officers.

Killed by Bandits. Cleveland, O., Dec. 31.—W. W. Sly, president, and George J. Fanner, vice president of the W. W. Sly Foundry company, were killed by five payroll bandits who escaped with \$4,200 cash after holding up the two men at the plant today.

EXTENDING MINERS' TIME.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 31.—The bill extending for six months the time in which 1920 assessment work on mining claims can be done was signed today by President Wilson.

NO DECISION YET.

By Associated Press. Marion, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Although President-elect Harding is expected to announce the names of his secretary of state and secretary of the treasury in the near future, close advisers believe it will be several days before a final decision is made as to the full membership of his cabinet.

AN AGED SPINSTER.

By Associated Press. Geneva, Dec. 31.—Mademoiselle Meuter, of Neuchâtel, reputed to be the oldest woman in Switzerland, has just celebrated her 103rd birthday. A romance that did not end as romances should caused her to remain an old maid, although, she says, she had eleven proposals.

OVERRUN BY REFUGEES

By Associated Press. Karlsruhe, Germany, Dec. 31.—Baden, Württemberg and Bavaria are overrun by refugees from Alsace and consequently the feeling against the French is more bitter here, perhaps, than in any other part of the old German Empire. In the Karlsruhe area all the old prison camps and many barracks are filled with families which were deported from Alsace, or left because they refused to live under French rule.

Several thousand refugees from Alsace are sheltered in long wooden shacks which formerly housed British prisoners in the main recreation park in the center of Karlsruhe. These former prisons have all been converted into residences by Alsations who have draped the windows with lace curtains and given the wire-enclosed compound a homey appearance by the display of potted plants. The Alsation refugees are bitter in their denunciation of the French. They tell tales of how the French expel families from Strasburg and other cities on the statement of unfriendly neighbors that the suspects have been propagandizing for Germany and working against France.

The Alsations are especially indignant because German has been abolished from the schools of Alsace, where they say a great majority of the population is German-speaking and will migrate rather than abandon its native language. Refugees from Metz and other parts of Lorraine are less critical about the language question. They admit French was the predominant tongue in Lorraine.

Nearly all the refugees with whom The Associated Press correspondent talked were very sharp in their criticism of the attitude of the old German government toward Alsace and Lorraine and frankly admitted the unyielding policy of Germany toward the two districts afforded the French an excuse for their attitude toward the distinctly German population.

IRISH EMIGRATION.

By Associated Press. Dublin, Dec. 31.—The emigration from Ireland during the first ten months of this year is about half what it was for the average of the corresponding ten months of the five years preceding the war. There were altogether 12,752 emigrants of whom 7,808 were women. There were altogether 12,752 emigrants of whom 7,808 were women. There were 4,338 emigrants from Ulster. Seventy-eight percent of the emigrants went to the United States.

SKELETON OF MAN IS FOUND IN HAYSTACK

CLOTHED IN ARMY UNIFORM AND CORONER ASKS HELP IN ESTABLISHING IDENTITY.

By Associated Press. Greensburg, Kan., Dec. 31.—The war department has been asked by Dr. J. R. Carter, coroner, to aid in efforts to establish the identity of a man whose skeleton, clad in an army uniform, was found in a haystack near Mullinville yesterday. The only clue to his identity was the name L. Leisker stamped on his belt. Dr. Carter says the body probably has been in the haystack two years. No evidence of the cause of death is yet obtainable.

WILSON BOUNDARY MADE PUBLIC TODAY

DOES NOT AGREE WITH BOUNDARY OF ARMENIA PROPOSED BY THE ALLIED PREMIERS.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 31.—President Wilson's decision as to the Armenian boundary, fixed at the request of the allied premiers and transmitted to the French foreign office some time ago, was made public here today. The new frontier on the Turkish side as drawn by the president cuts less deeply into former Turkish territory than the extreme limits prescribed by the premiers and leaves beyond the jurisdiction of the Armenians much territory which the premiers asked be included within the new boundaries.

FEWER LYNCHINGS.

By Associated Press. Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 31.—Lynchings were less numerous during 1920 than in 1919, records at Tuskegee Institute show. Sixty-one persons, including eight white men, were put to death by mobs this year, as compared with 83 last year and 64 in 1918. Texas had 10 lynchings this year; Oklahoma three and Arkansas one.

PENROSE OPPOSED.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 31.—Opposition to the house emergency tariff bill and passage at this session of the soldiers' bonus bill was indicated today by Senator Boies Penrose, chairman of the senate finance committee, who returned to Washington yesterday after an absence of nearly a year on account of illness.

GUARDING WILHELM

By Associated Press. Doorn, Holland, Dec. 31.—The former German Emperor William has personally engaged a private detective to keep an eye on strangers in the village of Doorn. This is in addition to the state police who guard the House of Doorn his new home.

CIGARETTES TO MATCH.

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 31.—Cigarettes rolled in paper dyed delicate shades of rose, blue, green or orange are declared by the Daily Mail to be the latest vogue for women. Women wishing to be really smart fill their cases with cigarettes of a tint harmonizing with the color of their gowns.

Notice. The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants State Bank and Trust Company of Laredo, Texas, will be held in the banking rooms of said institution on the second Tuesday in January, 1921, being the 11th day of the month, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it.

D. M. VALDEZ, Secretary.
12-28-21.

THE REAL MENACE.

It is urged by some that the proper way to handle immigration for a period, about the length of which there is considerable difference of opinion, is to prohibit, not merely restrict it.

Representative Johnson of South Dakota, chairman of the house committee, says that we should absolutely prohibit the immigration of aliens into the United States for a period of two years.

But the presence of a decent class of aliens in our midst is not the real menace. The menace lies in admitting the wrong sort—the radicals, those who are not only permitted but aided to leave their country "for their country's good."

And still another menace lies in the permission to aliens who merely declare their intention of becoming American citizens to vote in our elections, which argues the right to hold office as well. We have had the sorry spectacle of office holders who are not even American citizens by naturalization, with alien sympathies and alien ideals.

We should make the requirements for citizenship more rigid and absolutely unchangeable. No man should be permitted to become a citizen of this country, with a voice in its government, until he has lived here long enough to know what citizenship means, and then he should be submitted to such tests as will show whether or not he is worthy of the privilege.

And having become a citizen of our country, he should have that citizenship revoked and permission to reside within our borders withdrawn if at any time he commits acts which show that he is in sympathy with a foreign government rather than with that which he formally accepted as his own.

There is much anxiety over the report that five millions of Germans and Austrians are prepared to come to this country as soon as the technical state of war is ended and they are free to do so.

We do not see how a German or Austrian might be barred from entrance any more than an Irishman or a Frenchman or an Italian, if he meets our requirements. And if he meets all the other requirements which we should have for immigrants, there is no reason why he should not be permitted to enter.

But it should be remembered that there were many thousands of Germans who came to this country, acquired citizenship papers and then went back to their native country to fight, not only against the allied nations, but later against the army of the very country to which they owed allegiance through their own voluntary act.

Such people should never again be permitted to secure citizenship in our country, for their own acts condemn them. And if the native of any other country seeks naturalization, he should be required to show that he is not only entitled to it by his length of residence among us, but that he has the qualifications necessary for good citizenship.

At present there is considerable unemployment in our country, as well as abroad. But the introduction of aliens does not necessarily add to that situation, for those who come here will have to be fed, clothed and housed. In payment for what they receive they will have to work, and if they give honest work in return for their wages, they will have done all that is required of anyone.

We have already put one restriction on the introduction of aliens into our country which is having a good effect—the literacy test. It has sometimes operated to keep out a class of labor which we need, but it has prevented the introduction of many who would not be desirable residents.

So long as we need the labor, we cannot expect to keep out immigration, and if the proper restrictions are enforced, there would seem still to be room for a great increase to our population without endangering our future prosperity or security.

NEED CONSTRUCTIVE WORK.

The New Year finds a great need of constructive work on the part of the government. There is much to accomplish, because during the world war not only was it impossible to carry on work that had been planned, but much of what had been accomplished was destroyed.

One of the most important things is the establishment of law and order in sections where disorder obtains, and to put down the reign of lawlessness that threatens the country's institutions.

Crime has stalked defiantly through the greater part of the country, and even the large number of convictions does not seem to have deterred others from attempting robbery, murder and arson.

The enforcement of the prohibition law has not been carried out with the unanimous sentiment of the public behind it, which probably accounts for the slackness in prosecution in some sections. It should be enforced to the limit, and if it is a bad law, as many urge, there will be the greater necessity for amending or repealing it.

State and even federal aid should be given in building operations, and every effort should be made to induce

the building trades to lend their aid to the contractors and the home builders in the campaign so badly needed for more homes, factories and store buildings.

The question of the soldier bonus should be settled as soon as possible, and the country should make its attitude toward the defenders of the nation's honor so unmistakable as to set at rest all further agitation. The incapacitated soldiers should be aided and all others should be given what they are justly entitled to.

Questions of tariff tinkering should be so thoroughly ventilated that the public may understand the tendency of the high protective tariff to restrain trade and to restrict production.

Our relations with foreign countries, especially with our neighbor to the south, should be re-established on a cordial footing, and we should be prepared to secure our just proportion of the world's trade through wise reciprocal measures that will induce business to come our way, not frighten it away by putting up a wall that it cannot climb.

Our immigration questions should be settled in a manner that will not prevent the proper class of aliens from coming here where they are needed, while it should be possible to keep out the undesirables.

Our army and navy should be kept, not only in a high state of efficiency, but in such a state that the necessary increase may be made when needed without too much confusion and delay.

Our expenditures should be cut down, but economy and not parsimony should dictate the appropriations by congress, lest we find ourselves forced at a later date to spend more than we ought to supply deficiencies caused by stinginess.

The income tax law, the excess profits tax law and others which have greatly injured business should be so amended as to let the burden fall the heaviest on those who can stand it best.

Our revenues should be derived in some part from direct taxation, for only thus will the people find an interest in the expenditure of money that they have contributed, and the tendency to "let George do it" will be lessened.

The bonds issued during the war should not be retired at once, lest the burden fall too heavily on the present generation. While the coming generation may feel that it had no part in the war which caused the expenditure, the benefits which will come from that war will be lasting and at least a part of the cost should be borne by those who reap a part of the benefits.

There is much constructive work that faces the government during the coming year. If it is done well, on good substantial foundations, it will be lasting. If not, it will have to be done over and over again. Let congress do its duty.

FEARS OF THE BOLSHEVIKI
PROVED ONLY FALSE ALARM

Weird Individuals on Streets This Morning Looked Like Emma Goldman and Trotsky Had Arrived.

Forebodings of the new year were not very encouraging this forenoon when many people believed that Emma Goldman and her bloodthirsty Reds and Trotsky and his cohorts had taken Laredo, and for a time the suspense was of that kind where one's breath skipped like a contrary engine on a Ford. Even the banner at the head of the procession led by Bob Bobbitt, who looked a typical Bolsheviki, was indistinguishable in the fog, but a microscopic examination made of the weird figures in line developed the fact that they were the Sis Hopkins ball team in multicolored knickerbockers and the Rotarians in suits likened to those worn years ago by a familiar character who was known to the public as "Tonche." Notwithstanding the skies were cloudy and a misting rain was in evidence, those boys in line were struck by a great inspiration, for they sang in falsetto notes "Nobody Knows How Dry I Am," and ye women in line responded with "Lo, the Conquering (S)hero Comes."

Nix, it wasn't any rehearsal of one of Charlie Chaplin's terrible perpetrations on the public who go to the movies, it was just the Sis Hopkins and the Rotarian aggregations boosting the ball game for this afternoon. If it was Chaplin's travesties you were witnessing you would have had to part with ten cents—one dime at least, but this show was absolutely free—pure de gratis, gosh darn it, and those who didn't see it were blind.

Notice. The annual meeting of the shareholders of The First State Bank & Trust Company of Laredo, will be held in the banking rooms of said institution, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1921, at 3 p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it.

L. A. LAFON, Secretary.

Notice to the Public. Beginning January 1, 1921, I will begin the delivery of milk from my dairy and wish to notify the public that I am prepared to take care of them and would appreciate their patronage.

M. A. HARPER.

12-29-20.

GOVERNOR-ELECT PAT NEFF'S
LETTER OF APPRECIATION

First Hand Studies of Conditions in Mexico of Great Value to Future State and Trade Relations.

Every citizen of Laredo will be proud to read the letter of appreciation written by Governor-elect Pat M. Neff to the Chamber of Commerce on account of the opportunity given him to be the honor guest to the inauguration of General Obregon as president of the republic of Mexico, and during the tour of other important points of the republic. The Chamber of Commerce had in mind some constructive work in planning the trip to the inauguration and the tour of Mexico, when they invited Governor-elect Neff to be the honor guest of the Gateway delegation from Laredo. There will undoubtedly be many important problems arise for consideration by the governors of the various states of the republic of Mexico bordering on Texas and the governor of Texas, and these important problems will necessarily require the attention of the president of the republic of Mexico, as well as our own government. For that reason the Chamber of Commerce explained to Governor-elect Neff that the tour proposed would give him an opportunity to observe conditions in Mexico as they exist at this time, and he could get his own impressions and his own viewpoint first hand. In other words, every day spent in Mexico was planned on its own merits, and every condition was observed without restraint and with an open mind. Every member of the delegation believes that Governor-elect Neff is well prepared to act intelligently when he becomes governor, upon all matters pertaining to our relations with the republic of Mexico, or with the border states of Mexico, in having given this opportunity to our Governor-elect, the Laredo delegation rendered real service to the state of Texas as a whole, as well as the border states of Mexico. These few words in rather more detail than has been given theretofore are given in this connection, in order that the citizens, not only of the Laredo district, but of the entire border district, may be the better understand the real significance of the tour in Mexico. If Laredo rendered no other service than that it has already rendered in this connection, it would have justified the expense of the trip and the expense of the organization being maintained for attending to public matters of this kind.

Following is the Governor-elect's letter which will be duly appreciated by all citizens of the border district, as well as Laredo itself:

"Waco, Texas, Dec. 28, 1920. Laredo Chamber of Commerce, Laredo, Texas.

Dear Friends:—This is my first opportunity to write you since our return from Mexico.

I shall always be proud that I had the opportunity of being with you as your guest on this trip. The pleasant comradeship and fellowship that was mine will never be forgotten. As the sea shell holds forever the ocean song it gathered during its habitat in the sea, so I shall hold in the deep, silent chambers of my heart a song of gratitude that it was my privilege to become intimately acquainted with the seventy splendid members of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce who composed the "Gateway Delegation" to Mexico.

While there will be no formal invitations issued to my inauguration, I desire in this way to invite the entire Laredo Chamber of Commerce, those who went to Mexico and those who held the lines at home, to honor me with their presence on the date of my inauguration as governor, January 18th.

With highest personal regards to you, both collectively and individually, and with all good wishes, I am sincerely and appreciatively,

Your friend

PAT M. NEFF."

INTEREST IN CELEBRATION IS SHOWN AT HOME AND ABROAD. Many Inquiries Coming in as to Whether or Not Laredo Will Pull Off the Big Time in February.

The announcement made in The Times several days ago that Laredo was planning resuming the celebration of Washington's Birthday Anniversary on an elaborate scale this year, has caused widespread interest, not only among the people of the two Laredos, but with people living at a distance.

Already inquiries are coming from distant cities asking information as to whether or not it has been definitely decided to hold a big celebration here in February, as they are planning to be present. However, at this time nothing definite can be given out on the subject, but within the next two or three days The Times will be able to give information on this subject, and if it is decided to hold the celebration every citizen of Laredo will be asked to get behind the proposition and boost it to the limit.

Our growers should not fail to attend Monday's meeting and express their views on this important legislation, as well as help the good cause along in other respects.

Very truly yours,

FRED W. MALLY, County Agent.

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ONION GROWERS WILL MEET HERE ON MONDAY AFTERNOON

Important Meeting of Webb County Onion Growers Called for Monday at Chamber of Commerce.

The following call for an important meeting to be held in this city on next Monday afternoon was issued today:

A special meeting of the onion growers of Webb county is called at the Chamber of Commerce office, Monday, January 3rd, at 4:00 P. M.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a representative from Webb county to attend the convention of the Commission Merchants League of the United States, at St. Louis, between January 11th and 14th.

The emergency tariff bill, which now includes onions and long staple cotton, will be considered. It is important that Texas be well represented at this convention.

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WELCOME NEW YEAR OF 1921
ON BOTH SIDES RIO GRANDE

GREATEST DIN IN LAREDO IN YEARS HEARD AT MIDNIGHT.

Three Dances were in Progress and Thousands of People Stayed Up to Welcome the New Year.

With Laredo is noted for its noisy welcome of each incoming year and has always watched the old year out and the new year in with a din that lasted for some minutes, the welcoming of the new year of 1921 here at midnight was one of the most pronounced events of the kind held here in years and the great din lasted for at least fifteen minutes.

There were three grand new year balls in progress on the American side of the Rio Grande, all largely attended, at the Elks Club, Latin-American Club and Fort McIntosh, while all the movies had large crowds last night, this indicating that an unusually large number of people were staying up to see the old year out and in. Just before the midnight hour struck, when the old year was gasping its last, bells began to ring, whistles to blow, torpedoes to boom and fireworks to discharge, and this noise continued from the end of the year 1920 into the time when the new year was about ten minutes old. In all parts of the city the demonstration was alike and a spirit of genuine joy at the parting of the old year and the beginning of the new year was manifested on every hand.

Over in Nuevo Laredo, where a big ball was in progress at the Social Centro Fronterizo Club, many Laredo people joined in the welcoming given the new year at midnight Mexican time—12:35 American time.

Beginning today the National Railways of Mexico are members of the American Railways Association and from now on rolling stock of American and Mexican railways will cross the border in the same old way as before the many revolutions and no bonding will be demanded by the American railways for rolling stock before it is allowed to cross the border.

That parade this morning was just one too much for old man Sun who had been hiding behind heavy clouds for no sooner had the procession ended that even the sun had to come out bright and smiling to clear the atmosphere for the great exhibition of the national sport at Caliche Park this afternoon.

Both service tomorrow at the Presbyterian Church will be of the nature of New Year services. The morning service will be a Communion service and the evening service will also be a New Year service.

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LOCAL NEWS

The public schools of the city and county, which took a recess for the holidays on December 23, will resume their sessions on next Monday morning. Some of the teachers who went to their old homes for the holidays will return to Laredo by Monday morning at the latest.

Mrs. Flora Dilgarde Anderson, teacher of piano and singing, announces the opening of her studio for the mid-winter term Monday, January 3d. Audition by appointment only. Residence telephone 458. Studio 216 Alexander building. 12-30-20.

Rev. E. H. Ward of Hot Springs, Va., will preach at the morning service at Christ Church tomorrow.

By Monday everybody will have fully "recuperated" from the effects of the holiday season and be prepared to "pin down" to the year's work before them. Too much holidays disorganizes the working faculties of some people and it takes them several days to recover their equilibrium.

This is the first day of the new year of 1921. Begin it right and keep it right throughout the twelve months. If you made good resolutions try to keep them inviolate. If you made a good start keeping them you can succeed by applying a little determination and will power to your resolutions.

Many of the business houses of Laredo today observed new year's day by closing either for the entire day, or closing at noon. All the banks and government branches observed the day, and the postoffice kept Sunday hours in taking care of the incoming and outgoing mails.

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SOCIETY

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday. The Sis Hopkins team will play against the Rotarians at Caliche Park at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Cottillion Class Party at the Woman's Club at 8 o'clock in the afternoon. There will be a costume dance at the Soldiers Club in the evening.

Sunday. The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church meets at 6:45 at the church Sunday evening.

The Junior B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. will meet at the Baptist Church at 7 o'clock in the evening. The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will hold its regular meeting in the League room of the Methodist Church at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian Church will meet in the church at 6:45 p. m.

Monday. There will be a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society at the Methodist Church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

This May Interest You. The Times desires all social items of interest and cordially invites its readers to supply such news to the society editor. Send or phone all items about weddings, parties, visits, children's parties, etc. If you are leaving town or returning, or have visitors arriving or departing, The Times will be glad to know it. While names will not be used all written communications must be signed. This is imperative to prevent imposition.

Phone all society communications to the Society Editor of The Times at No. 70 between 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 and 8:30 in the evening.

General Mention. Miss Mildred Leyendecker is in Millet, spending the week-end with Mrs. Yates and family.

Miss Polly Yates of Millett is in the city visiting Miss Irene Leyendecker.

Mr. Frank Cullinan, after spending Christmas in the city with his parents, has returned to Tampico, Mexico.

Marcel Notzon will leave on Sunday night for La Porte, Texas, to resume his school work and he will be accompanied as far as San Antonio by his brother, Silvio, who will re-enter St. Louis College.

Miss Helen MacGregor will return to Dolores on Monday after having spent the holidays in the city with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. MacGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cullinan left yesterday morning for their home in Cisco, Texas, after spending Christmas with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Cullinan.

Miss Garcia will return to Dolores on Monday to resume her school duties after spending the holidays in the city.

Mr. J. E. Thompson returned on Thursday from El Dorado, Ark., where he has been visiting his father and other relatives for the past week.

Murt Cullinan expects to leave Sunday night for Denver to re-enter college, after spending the holidays with his parents.

Miss Willa Bolton will leave on Sunday morning for Hattiesburg, Miss., to resume her work at the State Normal, after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Thompson.

Mrs. Robt. Lehman and little son of Elgin, Texas, are here on a visit to her parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Fred.

Mason E. Fred left this morning for Dallas, to resume his studies in the school of pharmacy there after a visit to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Fred.

Announcements. The Junior Auxiliary will meet at the Rectory on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Parish Guild will meet at the Rectory on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Entertainment. The officers and ladies of Fort McIntosh entertained last evening at the officers' club with a most delightful masquerade ball. The hall was attractively decorated in greens and vari-colored balloons. The 17th Infantry band furnished the music and attractive programs marked sixteen straight and for extra dances. The

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Women have been granted full suffrage rights in the little Mohammedan republic of Azerbaijan, one of the newly-created dominions lying between the northern border of Persia and the Caspian Sea.

guests in their fancy costumes gave a brilliant touch of color to the festive scene. During the intermission a delicious buffet supper was served and noise makers were given as favors. The guests included a few townspeople and those from the post.

Honoring Mrs. Miller of Austin. Mrs. Charles Deutz was hostess at a charming musicale-tea on Thursday afternoon when she honored her cousin, Mrs. Clarence Health Miller. The decorations carried out the spirit of the season in red and green, poinsettias, holly wreaths and ferns being used in pretty effects. The reception hall was banked in ferns and fragrant narcissi; the living room was lovely in poinsettias, holly and ferns used in a pretty contrast to the soft tones of the gray of the walls and furnishings.

A lovely note of color was added by the presence of two gayly-decked Christmas trees, and the soft light from numbers of green waxen tapers in crystal sticks, which blended harmoniously with light from out of doors. The long mantel was banked in bracken ferns intermingled with poinsettias and a holly wreath tied in crimson in the center was graced on either side by red waxen tapers in brass holders. Screening the fireplace were masses of ferns. On the piano a large vase held glowing poinsettias. In the dining room, where a delightful refreshment course was served, the decorations reflected the same color note, being in artistically arranged holly and mistletoe with crimson poinsettias to give the brilliant touch of red to the Christmas decorations. The table was overlaid in Point de Venise lace and for the centerpiece had a large silver basket filled with poinsettias and plumosa ferns, encircled by sprays of the same delicate fern. Crystal candlesticks held green tapers and smaller silver baskets held salted nuts and green and red mints. Mrs. Bobbitt poured tea and Mrs. Barlow presided at the coffee service. A delightful musical program was given by Mrs. Travis Bruce Dunn, Mrs. Sue J. Smith, Miss Courtney Slaughter, and Miss Genevieve Camp. Mrs. Deutz was most graciously assisted in entertaining her guests by Mesdames M. T. Cogley, Asher Smith, L. J. Christen, Hugh Cluck, Thekla Diskamp, G. L. Hatley, Miss Flossie Deutz and Miss Amar Penn. About sixty guests called during the afternoon.

Elks Dance. The Elks entertained with their annual New Year ball last evening and it was one of the most brilliant affairs ever given in Laredo. The spirit of the season was beautifully expressed in the decorations and even the atmosphere seemed permeated with happiness and good-will. The guests were received by Mesdames E. H. Sauvignat, Sam Mackin, M. T. Cogley, Christen, A. E. Derby, J. P. Leyendecker, Vidales, A. R. Vidaurri, Asher Smith and L. A. Lafon. The ball room was charming in its holiday dress of gray moss, which was artistically used everywhere and scores of bright-bued balloons were also used. Strings of blue lights added to the effectiveness of the whole. On the north wall of the room the words in blue lights "Happy New Year" were flashed on at 12 o'clock, when confetti and serpentines were thrown and a general good time was had. Attractive programs marked sixteen straight and six extra dances. A number of favor dances were enjoyed, caps and whistles being given. The hall ways and staircase was decorated in the Christmas motif, streamers of crimson, holly and mistletoe being used. The billiard room was also lovely in its decoration of greens and crimson. The punch room depicted a snow scene. Fir trees encircled the room and were powdered with snow; the punch bowl rested on a huge mound of snow and punch was dispensed by little Misses Gladys Sauvignat, Charlotte and Thasie Vidaurri and Julia Belle Deutz. A salad course was served in the parlor, which was a veritable garden of pink roses. Gray moss was also used in decoration and the windows held flower baskets filled with radiant roses and ferns. The table was overlaid in a handsome em-broidered cloth and was centrally adorned with a silver basket filled with the favored blossoms and sprays of feathery fern. Four rose-colored candles in silver holders also graced the table. Silver nappies held pink and green mints and salted almonds. Coffee was served by Mesdames Cogley, Shiner, R. L. Muller, Albert Martin, and they were graciously assisted in serving by Mrs. Condon and Misses Laura Taylor, Anna May Dugan and Evelyn Moore. About five hundred guests enjoyed the pleasure of the delightful occasion.

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